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Phoebe Barton, pictured above right, has admitted killing her sister, Karen, in Pickett's Field, Chartham in May last year.

But her lawyers claim it was not premeditated and believe she should face punishment for manslaughter and yesterday she went on trial at Maidstone Crown Court accused of Karen's murder.

The jury was told Phobe stabbed her sister 27 times with such ferocity that she cut clean through her ribcage.

The jury was also told Phobe was devastated after her daughter died in a car accident a year before she killed her sister.

BY JENNY ARMSTRONG

A KILLER who admitted stabbing her sister to death in Chartham has denied murder, a court has heard.

The trial of Phoebe Barton, 50, opened on Monday. She stands accused of murdering Karen Barton, 51, in Pickett's Field in May 2009, close to Highland Road where the sisters lived.

The jury heard Phoebe Barton, dressed in a grey tracksuit with her grey hair in a bun, plead guilty to the charge of manslaughter.

Crown prosecution barrister Jonathan Higgs opened the case before judge Jeremy Carey. He described how a couple, Faith and Alan Stone, discovered Karen's body lying on the grass at 12.30pm on May 9 and called police.

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The court heard Phoebe had stabbed Karen
27 times with a kitchen knife, with such ferocity that she had cut clean through her rib cage.

Mr Higgs said: "That Phoebe Barton unlawfully caused her sister's death is not in dispute. This was a repeated and sustained attack principally to the back not to the front. Nobody is claiming this was self defence."

Outlining the events leading up to Karen's death, Mr Higgs said Karen Barton and her daughter Katie had lived with Phoebe and her daughter Rachel in Highland Road in Chartham, until Rachel was tragically killed in a car crash on May 27, 2008, aged just 33.

He said: "Phoebe was devastated. This certainly seems to have been a very significant factor. After this Phoebe began to drink excessively and show eccentric behaviour.

"She took all her daughter's possessions, including cars, to a wood and set fire to them."

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to a wood and set fire to them."

The court heard how, in the run up to the anniversary of her daughter's death, Phoebe Barton had caused tensions with her sister by surrendering the lease on the house they shared, and the two had been arguing for several weeks as they were due to move out that weekend.

That weekend Karen's daughter Katie had taken Phoebe to visit her daughter's grave for the first time, at which point Phoebe had said: "It will all be over by Monday."

The prosecution barrister outlined

A tiaht broke out

Phoebe Barton's account of events. He said Phoebe told police she was drunk, and had been sitting on a log sharing a cigarette with her sister when Karen had said Phoebe should be getting over the death of her daughter.

According to the defendant a fight started and Karen pulled out Phoebe's hair and punched her in the head.

Phoebe then shouted: "Don't you ***ing punch me!" and retaliated.

Her sister was on the ground when Phoebe reached into her bag and

pulled out the kitchen knife she claims she habitually carried. She said: "I've had enough of you," and stabbed her sister to death.

According to Mr Higgs, Phoebe then threw the knife into the bushes and went home, leaving a trail of blood spots along a road.

But Phoebe Barton then went missing for several days. She was found and arrested by police at 9pm on May 13, while apparently casually walking up Taylor's Hill into neighbouring village Chilham. She admitted killing Karen immediately.

The case continues.

Fire station tribute to Blitz veteran Bert on 100th birthday

BY JENNY ARMSTRONG

A CENTENARIAN who tackled blazes in the city during World War Two will visit Canterbury fire station today (Wednesday) to mark his 100th birthday.

Bert Brissenden was born in Ashford and spent his early years in the town, but later moved to Canterbury and has lived in the city ever since. He enlisted with the Auxilliary Fire Service in 1935.

Mr Brissenden spent his war years fighting fires in Canterbury and London, including during the Blitz and the devastating Baedeker raids

on Canterbury in 1942. He said: "Intelligence knew the raids on Canterbury were coming, so we got ready and waited. When the bombers came it was awful - it was a terrible night."

Being a fireman during the war was tough, said Mr Brissenden: "The hours were very long and we didn't get much pay.'

Mr Brissenden, who turned 100 on Monday, stayed on as a full-time firefighter until 1946 and as a retained fireman until 1963, while working for



ON DUTY: Bert Brissenden, fourth from right, with fellow firefighters

the East Kent Road Company as a driver and instructor.

The veteran will celebrate his birthday with firefighters from blue watch who will present him with a commemorative tankard, a book documenting 50 years of Kent Fire and Rescue Service, and a plaque.

He will receive his presents from the watch's youngest fireman, Rob Newman, as well as area manager Andy Merriman and members of the brigade's retirement association.

Mr Merriman said: "It's a real honour to be able to celebrate Bert's milestone with him. The station he served at was in Old Dover Road and has been replaced, so it'll be a pleasure to show Bert round our current station. Crews will be putting on a demonstration for him, too."

Mr Brissenden has fond memories of his firefighting days. He said: There was such a sense of comradeship and we were very healthy. We adopted a stray dog at the station and called it Strike. As soon as the bells rang for a shout, the dog would be first on the fire appliance."

But the story ended in tragedy. He said: "We were called to a fire at Johnson's Tyres. As usual, Strike was the first to get off the engine, but ran straight into the path of a rolling burning tyre and was killed. There wasn't a dry eye among the men that

And Mr Brissenden's secret for reaching such a grand old age? "Living in moderation," he said.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Cathedral and UKC targeted by hoaxers

A BOMB alert at Canterbury Cathedral meant heightened security – and trouble for tourists.

Entry to The Precincts was restricted on Tuesday afternoon, last week, after a hoax call.

And malicious pranksters also targeted the University of Kent with

the same ploy. A Cathedral spokesman said: "We take public safety seriously and regret any inconvenience caused to

visitors by the hoax.'

Two drivers cut free after serious smash

FIREFIGHTERS had to cut two drivers from their cars after a smash in Sturry.

A Herne Bay man was rescued from his black Vauxhall Corsa and a Canterbury woman had to be freed from a blue Toyota Corolla at about 7.30am on Friday.

The cars collided on Calcott Hill. Both drivers were both taken to hos-

pital with serious injuries. Witnesses to the crash are asked to contact police on 01622 690690.

Elderly man's body in college car park

A BODY has been found near a car park at Kent College in Canterbury. It was discovered at 8.40pm on

Wednesday, last week, in the school grounds, which are off the Whitstable Road.

Police believe the body is that of an 85-year-old man who lived nearby. Detectives have said there are no suspicious circumstances but are treating the death as unexplained until a post-mortem examination has been carried out.

Paul was used as a scapegoat insists wife of sex pest coach

EXCLUSIVE

BY JILL HURST

THE wife of the top Olympic fencing coach banned from working with children after giving 'special massages' to his female students says she will not divorce him.
Paul Romang, 59, who founded Canterbury

Fencing Club and taught across Kent, was sentenced last week after being found guilty of using his position of trust to indecently assault a 16-year-old girl staying at his home. Joy Romang, 55, his wife of 27 years, said she

still believed her husband was the victim of a "stitch-up".

At the couple's home in Broadstairs she said her husband had been made "a scapegoat".
This was despite Judge Adele Williams say-

ing there was "clear and compelling" evidence he had used his position of trust to get sexual favours from his pupils.

Mrs Romang was called to give evidence during the six-day trial at Canterbury Crown Court, which also heard from three of the top coach's former female students, aged between 16 and 18.

One girl told how he crept into her room while she was staying at his home the night before a tournament. He had offered her a massage, then removed her bra and touched her buttocks

The scared girl asked him to stop. She told



GUILTY: Olympic fenching coach Paul Romang has been banned from working with under-18s

her mother which resulted in Romang's arrest. The court heard the talented teenager had quit fencing after the incident.

Detectives traced two other former students who gave evidence against Romang and told the jury how he accompanied them on foreign trips where he offered special massages and gifts.

The coach, who had also taught at The Kings School in Canterbury, was found guilty of the single charge which became law in 2000 after concerns about teacher-pupil relationships. He now wears a tag and is banned from working with under-18s.

He was sentenced to a two-year supervision

order and put under curfew for three months. Yet Mrs Romang insists her husband is not

the sexual predator he is made out to be. Mrs Romang said: "At 59 with a heart prob-

lem and on so many drugs he falls asleep most of the time – he isn't interested in anything like that.

"He just fits the stereotype - middle aged man and young girl. He never stood a chance.'

Mrs Romang says she first heard about the allegations on March 20, 2008, when police turned up at the family house where they

have lived for the last 19 years.
"I couldn't believe it. I thought, no it's a joke.
It was so surreal. I didn't have time to talk to

him. They just took him."

Mrs Romang says she has gone over and over every detail with her husband.

"We've had the rows, tears and accusations and if I was in any doubt he would be gone. In the cold light of day I'm 100 per cent sure he did not do it.'

Mrs Romang said: "We always had people staying in the house – students, coaches, young men and women. There's never been an inkling of anything like this."

Mrs Romang says although she did sometimes worry about her husband being around so many young women she never believed he would be unfaithful.

The couple now plan to appeal against the sentence and Mr Romang is to undergo a lie detector test.

Mrs Romang added: "He'll never get a job now. No one is going to employ him. He hasn't worked for two years.

Mr Romang now plans to blow the lid on British fencing and is writing a warts-and-all book.

Drying clothes catch alight

A POTENTIALLY devastating blaze was started when a clothes-drying rack collapsed into a gas fire.

A family in Westmeads Road, Whitstable, had to call 999 on Wednesday, November 24, when the fire got out of control.

When the couple and their child discovered the fire they tried to put it out by stamping on the burning clothes that had fallen onto the gas fire. But this made the fire worse and created thick, acrid smoke.

The family then escaped, closing internal doors behind them to stop

the fire from spreading.

When fire crews from Herne Bay and Whitstable arrived they entered the burning house using breathing apparatus. They put out the fire and then cleared the building of

smoke using high-powered fans.
Whitstable watch manager Nick
Salt said: "Although we would
never recommend tackling a fire yourself, the occupants acted quickly when they discovered the fire. It was contained just by closing the doors in the property.

"However, I cannot over-emphasise the importance of never leaving clothes near a fire. It only takes a few minutes for a small fire to develop into a life-threatening blaze."

Afterwards, firemen found the family's mains-powered smoke alarms were faulty, so they fitted battery alarms instead.

MP slams 'joke' rail service for price hike

increases have been branded "an absolute disgrace" by Herne Bay MP Roger Gale.

Rail franchise weekly and annual season tickets between Canterbury and London will go up nearly 13 per cent next year, and the same tickets to Herne Bay and Whitstable by eight to nine per cent.
Mr Gale said: "This is an absolute

disgrace. As far as I am concerned they can kiss goodbye to a franchise renewal. For the fourth year running my constituents will be paying more

"Network Rail's upgrading of signalling and point is way behind schedule and no improvements are as yet planned for the line between Ashford and Thanet.

"Southeastern's fast link is a bad ioke so far as commuters are concerned as door-to-door journey times now take longer and cost more than ever. Why should people have to pay to subsidise a service that does not serve their needs?

"It is wholly unacceptable. We are living in Dick Turpin territory."

But a spokesman from Southeastern rail company said its government contract says it must increase such regulated commuter tickets by BY JENNY ARMSTRONG

the maximum possible to reduce the

burden on the taxpayer.

The spokesman said fares are based on the Retail Price Index inflation indicator, currently at 4.5 per cent, plus three per cent. So fares will rise by an average of eight per cent across Southeastern's franchise, but

some by more and some by less.

The company also said the majority of its off-peak saver fares will remain unchanged.

But in Canterbury fares are rising by the government-specified inflation plus three per cent rise, with another five per cent on top.

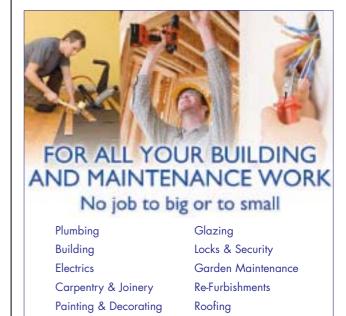
The Southeastern spokesman said:

Nobody likes to see prices rise, but it is the stated policy of the government to move more of the cost of travelling by train towards passengers and

away from the general taxpayer.

"There are only two sources of funding for railway journeys: taxpayer subsidy and passengers' fares.

"The amount of taxpayer subsidy we receive from the government reduces year-on-year and to offset this we need to raise the fares to make up the difference and to minimise the burden on taxpayers.





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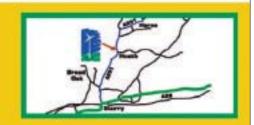
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WHITE STUFF: Snow made for an early Christmassy scene for shoppers in Canterbury city centre

We're ready for snow this time, promises KCC

WINTER is here and after last year's disruption, Kent County Council has promised it is pre-

Last year's snow chaos brought the country to a standstill, but this year the gritters are already out using the county's stockpiled 23,000 tonnes of salt.

The county council, which is not responsible for motorways and trunk roads such as the A2, has set aside a £2.4 million budget for

dealing with snow and ice across the county.

This year, consultations with district councils over the summer mean salting priorities are tailored to the area.

Carole Valentine, community delivery manager for winter services, said: "District councils have said they want to help. Kent Highways Services will provide them with salt and the district plans will vary, depending on where the district has chosen to allocate resources.

"The service is responsive. Salting lorries can be moved from some parts of the county to other hot spots in the event of an isolated area being hit hard by snowfall.

"The service is time-sensitive. Salt laying instructions will be issued based on the day's Met Office forecast.'

In Canterbury, the Highways Agency will grit the A2, but Kent County Council will grit the Thanet Way, the A28, Stone Street, the

BY **JENNY ARMSTRONG**

A290, the A291 and other A and B roads. It only salts a third of roads, so checking the best driving route in advance is advisable.

Roads to important locations will be also be salted. These include railway stations, bus stations, fire stations, hospitals, major shopping areas, the Wincheap estate, schools, council and mail sorting offices, ambulance stations, retirement homes and doctors.

Farmers have also been asked to use their tractors with snow ploughs, and parish councils have been drafted in to help.

A Kent County Council spokesman said: "This year we have been working more closely with the district and parish councils because there was some concern last year about salting some roads and pavements.

"We have made arrangements with some parish councils. We are going to be providing free salt but we are leaving the decisions of where to put it up to them.

Barham parish council has welcomed the idea. Clerk Sharon Baker said: "It is a good idea. We do agree with it. The only problem is

Barham is very spread out.."

Kent County Council will provide regular updates of which routes have been salted at www.kent.gov.uk/transportandstreets. Train company Southeastern has promised to provide a live online feed of winter service disruptions at www.southeasternrailway.co.uk

Drop in on the latest attraction at animal park

HERE is a sneak preview of Wildwood Animal Park's latest white-knuckle attraction.

In Spring 2011 children will be able to face their fears and attempt a new enormous drop-slide. The Tree Top Drop will mean those who go into freefall end on a super-fast slide.



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Zimbabwean thieves

TWO Zimbabwean thieves systematically shoplifted along Canterbury High Street, during a stealing spree which netted goods worth more than £1,200.

Gift Denenga, 26, and Cynthia Manyati, 31, of The Limes, Kingsnorth, near Ashford, stole suitcases from Marks and Spencer before stealing clothes and underwear.

Then they went on to BHS and Fenwicks before store detectives spotted them in Debenhams. When suitcases were checked 49 items still had security tags on them.

Denenga admitted three theft charges at Canterbury Magistrates Court, while while Manyati admitted two.

Robin Jackson, defending, said Denenga was an asylum seeker who couldn't get any money, so stole clothes for her own use.

Manyati is a care worker.

The case was adjourned until December 17.

Fined for undertaking

STUDENT nurse Juri Juzar thought he was being a responsible citizen when he overtook a learner driver on the inside lane, but police didn't agree.

Juzar, 29, of North Road, Ramsgate, was stopped on the Thanet Way near Herne Bay and charged with driving without care and attention.

In a letter to Canterbury Magistrates Estonian-born Juzar said he was travelling at 75mph when he came up behind the black learner car and had to pull in quickly.

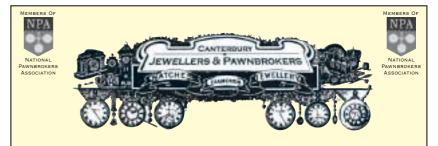
Juzar was fined £200 and had five points on his licence. He was ordered to pay £35 costs, plus £15 victim surcharge.

Drink driver banned

DRUNK Mark Lowe was spotted getting into his car after he was refused service at an off-

licence, Canterbury Magistrates were told.
Officers stopped Lowe, 41, of High Street,
Ramsgate, in Morrisons car park, Wincheap, and found he was two and a half times over the limit.

He admitted drink driving and was banned from driving for three years and given an 18 month community order. He was ordered to pay £85 costs.



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Teacher concealed his drink-drive conviction

BY **JENNY ARMSTRONG**

A TEACHER has been found guilty of professional misconduct after he hid his alcohol problems from his employer.

John Henry was an English teacher at the Community College Whitstable from September 2005 until June 2009, but had kept a drink-driving conviction from the college's headteacher.

He also had run-ins with the police while employed at the school after being caught drunk in public.

A hearing at the General Teaching Council (GTC), the regulatory body for teachers, heard Mr Henry had racked up driving offences before he started teaching at the school, including drink-driving in 1996.

And whilst teaching at the school in 2005 he drank-drove again, for which he was convicted in 2006.

Mr Henry admitted being drunk in public 2008, which police had on record, and being seen by a pupil whilst getting picked up by police when drunk in Herne Bay in 2007.

He also had a conviction for being drunk and disorderly in 2009.



The college's headmistress, Helena Sullivan-Tighe, said Mr Henry should have told her about his new drink-driving conviction.

However, Mr Henry said there was no explicit obligation for him to tell the college about his 2006 conviction, and he considered it a private matter.

He said he was an extremely competent teacher who conducted himself in an impeccable manner whilst teaching. He also said he was getting treatment for his alcoholism and his convictions were not relevant to his fitness to teach

The General Teaching Council committee claimed Mr Henry had a professional obligation to tell his headmistress about his conviction.

Speaking to Mr Henry during the hearing Sarah Bowie, chair of the GTC committee, said: "This falls short of the standards of behaviour expected of a registered teacher and involves a breach of standards of propriety expected of the

"The nature of your conduct brings the reputation and standing of the profession into disre-

pute.
"We do not accept that these were private matters that had no relevance to your professional standing and duties as a teacher.

Your former headteacher raised no concerns about your ability as a classroom teacher.'

Mr Henry was given a conditional registration order, meaning that before he gets a new teaching job he must tell the GTC about his new employer.

He must also give the GTC a letter from his GP, proving he is not drinking and is having alcohol treatment before he takes up a new position

And when teaching he must submit a GP's report every three months, to show he is still in alcohol treatment and is not drinking.

In future he must also tell his employers if he gets any more criminal convictions or cautions.

There was nobody available to comment at the Community College Whitstable.

Brazier quizzes PM on NATO command

CANTERBURY and Whitstable MP Julian Brazier has called on the Prime Minister to help improve NATO's "muddled" command.

Addressing David Cameron in parliament, he said: "Does my right honourable friend agree no amount of skill and courage by our troops at the sharp end can substitute for muddled command and control structures especially

at the military-political interface?"
In reply, the Prime Minister said: "NATO in Afghanistan did initially suffer from having a slightly divided com-mand between an ISAF mission to secure Afghanistan and Operation Enduring Freedom to combat Al Qaeda.

"It has taken some time to have a more unified command."

Tigers' invitation to carol concert

CANTERBURY'S home battalion is inviting all to a Christmas concert in aid of the Army Benevolent Fund.

Third Battalion The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment, also known as the Tigers, are inviting everyone to the cathedral concert tonight.

Music comes from the Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment Band, the regiment's second battalion's Fijian Choir and the Bridge and Patrixbourne School Choir.

The service will be led by the battalion's padre as well as the Bishop of Dover. Doors open at 7.30pm and tickets are from £10 to £5 from the Marlowe Theatre Box Office on 01227 787787.

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QUESTION & ANSWER

OBER



Can you explain what the Sustrans charity does?

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How did your own interest in cycling begin?

A I have been on a bike as far back as I can remember – I often think I was born on two wheels. I cycled to school, to university and have always used a bike to travel to work. As a child it was my own means of transportation, giving me independence. As an adult it is the cheapest and healthiest way to get around.

When did you first become the Sustrans Bike It officer and what does the role involve?

I started in April 2008. I work directly with schools, teachers, children and parents to encourage children to get to school under their own steam. I organise events, activities and classroom sessions to give children the skills and confidence to cycle to school. I work to achieve positive and long-lasting changes in school communities' travel behaviour by supporting schools to make a case for cycling in their travel plans, supporting cycling champions and demonstrating that cycling is a popular choice amongst children and their parents/carers. A Sustrans Bike It officer also helps schools find funding and suppliers for cycle storage, ensures schools receive cycle training and works with the local community to find safe cycling routes.

What would you say to a parent who might be concerned about their child cycling on the roads?

Is a road journey always necessary? There are many cycle paths out there. When road journeys are required parents can cycle with children until they are confident to cycle without adults. Make sure children are signed up for Bikeability Road training in Years 5 and 6. In Ashford this can be extended to parents too. And make sure bikes are roadworthy and lights and hi-viz clothing are used when required.

Now many schools in the area have signed up for the scheme? How do more get involved?

I have twenty four schools in total: seventeen in Ashford and seven in Canterbury.

What would you say are the major issues that prevent more people from cycling?

Really just a lack of desire or lack of habit. Once you've done it you realise how easy, fun and healthy it can be. People present many obstacles as excuses: the weather, lack of bike,

roads being too dangerous, carrying too much stuff, no safe place to lock a bike, arriving at work sweaty. All of these can be overcome with a minimum of expense and effort, especially if you're linked to a Sustrans Bike It School where support and free training may be available.

What do you think of electric assisted bikes?

If they get people on bikes, then great. The positive thing is you can pedal too. You usually find that as people get more used to cycling they slip into electric mode less and less. But I appreciate for some people the motor helps them with the hills. It's all bike travel, and that's what counts

() What events do you have coming up?

There are a couple of Christmas competitions running at the moment. There is a virtual bike race to Lapland where every ride to school by children, parents and staff counts as miles. There is also a national competition to design an illustrated Bike It resolution for the New Year. Both have bikes to be won as prizes.

Did you have any childhood ambitions that were never fulfilled?

still haven't ridden John O'Groats to A Lands End. I have no doubts that I can do the 800 miles - I just have to find the time as I'm so busy in schools at the moment

David Robert, Sustrans Bike It officer for Ashford and Canterbury talks to **Ed Hill** about the lifestyle choice people can make to travel by bike, creating a cleaner, healthier environment for the whole community

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Working together to benefit patients

Following news that NHS primary care trusts will be abolished and groups of GPs will instead control local healthcare, Herne Bay GP Dr Simon Dunn gives his views on the continuing changes. This week he anticipates the forthcoming changes in the NHS with cautious optimism.

I MUST admit to being a bit unnerved by all this talk of change. As a GP I don't have much training in how to commission services unless I missed that lecture at medical school!

But having said that, I am very much looking forward to being able to decide on the services that are available for my patients.

In fact, as some people will be aware, GPs have for some years already been involved in making decisions about changes in services for their patients. The local Primary Care Trust, NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent, has been keen for GPs to be part of this process and this has been going since well before the White Paper



suggesting this came out. The worry about further change is very real, and might discourage some GPs from getting involved.

Certainly, not all GPs are eager to take on the new responsibilities coming their way, but not all will need to be involved in management. As long as all opinions can be heard, some doctors can take on these roles with support from experienced managers, while other GPs can retain

their existing roles largely unchanged. But the fact that emphasis will be on GPs making decisions on behalf of patients is bound to have advantages – GPs know the needs of their patients and see the frustrations in the current system, and have ideas about how to

Whether or not the new way of doing things will overcome the bureaucracy that many find an obstacle remains to be seen. Some of the red tape is there for good reason – for example to ensure healthcare is delivered fairly, and that

there is accountability.

Locally, GPs already work together much of the time, so working in the new way in future will be less of a problem than in areas where GPs don't link up with others. We are also used to listening to our patients' views, but the challenge is to ensure people who don't usually engage with the health service can have their voice heard too.

On the whole though, I think GPs make good GPs, managers make good managers and both are passionate about making good decisions for

If we really work together, listen to patients and to other clinical colleagues, we will be able to design a system that meets the needs of our community

Cathedral appeal chief exec to quit

THE chief executive of the appeal to save Canterbury Cathedral is stepping down after more than three years.

Matthew Butler, head Canterbury Gift charity, will leave his post in the summer after helping the charity raise nearly £11million.

Lord De L'Isle, chairman of the Cathedral's trustees, said: "The Canterbury Gift has a new strategic direction, a well chaired and powerful Development Committee and an excellent team in the Canterbury Office.

"We are sorry Matthew is going. He has laid the foundations for this great

and very necessary appeal."

To donate to the charity call 01227 865 346 or visit www.thecanterburygift.com

Keep dogs on lead in lambing season

THE National Farmers Union is urging people to keep dogs on a lead in the coun-

people to keep dogs on a lead in the countryside as ewes are in lamb and they are likely to abort if chased by dogs.

Thousands of sheep and cattle die from injuries caused by dogs every year.

NFU South East regional director William White said: "It is very tempting for dog walkers to let pets run free on entering a field but there may well be sheep in the field that can't be seen.

"People should remember the law allows farmers to shoot dogs that are threatening livestock.

The person responsible for the animal is guilty of an offence under the Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953 if their animals kill livestock and can be sued.









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'Dartford toll charges won't be scrapped'

BY STEVE KNIGHT

DARTFORD crossing toll charges will remain "for the foreseeable future" after the Government admitted it cannot do without the £17 million annual income they

Last month it was announced the cost of using the crossing may rise to £2.50 for car drivers by 2012, despite motorists being promised the levy would be scrapped once the cost of building the QEII Bridge had been

But during a Commons debate on congestion at the crossing this week, transport minister Mike Penning said the removal of the tolls was not an option.

He said: "We are in really difficult economic times, and the £17m-a-year gross revenue the tolls take in is an important part of the money available for the infrastructure and

transport network for the whole country."

But Mr Penning did reiterate the Government's commitment to reduce congestion and pollution at the crossing by removing the barriers and by looking into the possible construction of a third Thames crossing.

He said that most businesses would rather pay an extra 50p if it meant their drivers were no longer being caught up in huge tail-

"The toll booths are what is really holding up the traffic," he added. "The delays are being caused by people trying to find change, not realising they have to pay, or losing their DART-Tag.

"If we remove the toll booths altogether so people can drive across the bridge or through the tunnels, that delay will be removed. "The London congestion charge uses vehi-

cle number plate recognition, and it works well. We intend to use that technology to remove the barriers at the north and south of

Last Tuesday's debate was secured by Dartford Tory MP Gareth Johnson, who said: "We have recently had an announcement that the price of the tolls should be increased. I cannot accept that extra levy on the motorist, who is feeling fairly beleaguered in this particular part of the country.

"The congestion at the Dartford crossing has united Dartford against the current toll booths system. Local people despise the impact it has had on the area, as we have had nothing but misery, congestion and pollution as a result.'

Meanwhile, the transport minister revealed during the debate that it was unlikely the DART-Tag residents' discount scheme would be extended to areas outside of

Uni staff support protests

LECTURERS from the University of Kent voiced their support for the second wave of stu-

dent protests held lasy week.
Professor of urban studies Phil Hubbard and employment relations expert Dr Samantha Lynch were among 295 scholars who spoke out over planned tuition fee increases in a letter to the Guardian newspaper.

It read: "We support the day of protest last Wednesday following the magnificent demon-

stration by university and school students and by university staff on November 10. "We are utterly opposed to the destruction of broad-based, critical education and its replacement by education for the market that is enshrined in the Browne report.

"We are defending not just our jobs but the values which brought us into higher education, reflecting the wider significance of education to society

About 10,000 students took part in a series of marches and gatherings across the country on Wednesday, December 24 but violence flared for the second time in a fortnight.

The young people are angry that from 2012 universities will be able to charge tuition fees of up to £9,000 - almost three times more than the current cap.

The letter continues: "The planned increase in fees means the effective removal of higher education for working people. The coalition has no mandate for its ideologically driven class rule – the anger of students is no surprise.

"We intend to fight them to defend social science, humanities and the arts, and to protect higher and further education for all."



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Cutting back the competition leaders have

launched an attack on the Government for scrapping school sports funding as thousands of campaigners demand ministers rethink the move.

Kent representatives from the Schools Sports Partnerships (SSP) questioned what kind of message was being sent to the international community ahead of the Olympics and World Cup 2018 bid by cutting funding for the SSP programme. The globally-acclaimed proj-

ect encourages competitive opportunities within schools and has seen the number of Kent students taking part in sport twice a week soar.

But the national programme has become one of the many casualties of Government's spending cuts, with plans to axe its entire £162 million funding.

Thousands of students and staff at the county's schools have thrown their weight behind a campaign to save the scheme by signing a petition urging ministers to

rethink proposals.

It will be handed in to education secretary Michael Gove on Monday, December 6.



HITTING BACK: Sports leaders slam the Government for sport funds cuts

Kent has 15 SSPs, which encourage sport by introducing new activities, offering competitive opportunities and creating links between communities and clubs.

Peter La Rossignol, competition manager for the Mid-Kent, Ashford, Sheppey and Sittingbourne area, said people were shocked and sad-

"Government expects this country to do well at a high level across a range of different sports, but how can we with these cuts?" he said.

"I can't see how the country is expected to win the World Cup bid when competitive sport at grassroots level is cut.

"The cuts will only mean more spent on the NHS in a few years time dealing with obesity and heart disease.'

Mr La Rossignol said just recently 850 pupils from 38 different schools ran in a cross-country event at Leeds

"Schools can't organise big events like that, they don't have the time or money," he

A mass campaign has been launched by the Thanet SSP and thousands of people in the area have signed a petition against the cuts.

Junior sports leader Paul Ayers, from Hartsdown College in Margate, said: "The Government wants more young people to get involved with sports and as youth leaders we are working hard to achieve this – and then it changes the rules by saying it is going to cut such a fantastic scheme.

But sports minister Hugh Robertson, MP for Faversham and Mid-Kent, defended the Government's decision, saying: "I understand that nobody wants to see any money cut from school sport. However, we have to deal with the national economic crisis that we have inherited which is costing the country £120 million in debt interest payments every day."

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BREAK TIME

School is cooking up successful event

ST Anselm's school is getting into the holiday spirit with a bake-off and an evening to celebrate its students' successe

On Monday, December 13, staff and students will be presenting their homemade cakes for inspection by celebrity

guest judge Paul Hollywood.

The judge, from BBC2's Great British Bake Off, will be deciding which is the best cake or cupcake. And at break and lunchtime children will be selling their cakes in the school hall at 25p per slice to benefit the school.

And that evening former student Nicki Chapman, now a television presenter, will be the special guest speaker at the school's presentation evening. The event celebrates students' achievements in the 2009-10 academic year.

Cabaret will kick off Christmas fun

PUPILS from Canterbury High and Canterbury Primary schools are putting on a Christmas cabaret for supporters of the school to enjoy.

Many students from the schools' specialist performing arts academy will be involved in the Christmas variety show, which will include drama, dance, singing and musical theatre

The cabaret will be on Wednesday, December 8, and Thursday, December 9, from 6.30pm. Tickets are available from ticketsales@canterbury.kent.sch.uk and cost £2 to £5. Refreshments and raffle tickets will be available on the night.

Gran inspires grammar pupil Abby to swim the Channel

BY JENNY ARMSTRONG

A SCHOOL is so proud of its student's channel swim it has commissioned an award in her honour.

Pupil Abby Taylor-Baptie, who lives in Woolage Village, swam the Channel on Tuesday, September 28. The 16-year-old set off at 11.25pm and took just 15 hours to finish the gruelling 35km swim.

Abby trained for five months for her swim and said her inspiration was her grandmother. When Abby was five her gran told the young girl she would one day swim the channel. Following her grandmother's death, Abby set herself the goal of fulfilling the prediction.

And now Barton Court Grammar School has proudly created the Taylor Baptie Award, and will from now on present it to the school's students who have completed great feats.

Abby said: "Swimming the English Channel was a humbling experience. Officially my swim was a solo crossing but I disagree with this name because throughout the whole experience I had tons of support, which saw me

Abby was trained by choaches Charlie Laws and Freda Streater, who trained actor Robson Green when he completed his open swim. She was supported by her family, friends and staff at Barton Court.

Abby not only crossed the channel, but she also managed to raise £1,300 for the Demelza House Hospice charity for children with terminal illnesses

Ms Kristen Cardus, head teacher at Barton Court Grammar School, said: "We are all



FEAT: Barton Court Grammar school has commissioned an award in honour one of its students, Abby Taylor-Baptie, after she completed a cross-Channel swim. The award will be given to pupils who achieve great feats

extremely proud of Abby. She is an inspiration to other students who will realise that achieving their dreams and goals can be a reality with hard work and tenacity."

Fewer than 1,000 people have ever swum the channel. The fastest time ever was set by Bulgarian Olympian Petar Stoychev in 2007. He crossed in six hours, 57 minutes and 50 seconds.

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YOUR LETTERS

Why I've severed ties with the LGBT

It is with considerable regret that I have decided that I have no alternative, but to sever my voluntary membership of, and therefore Pride in Canterbury's involvement with, the LGBT Mental Health and Wellbeing

Steering Group.
It was brought to my attention, that within the NHS, it is felt that there is a conflict of interests between my involvement with the Steering Group and the publication of Pride in Canterbury's website.

This had been brought about by an article I put on the website recently, which was critical of the local group, "Whitstable Friends".

I contacted the Head of Equality

and Diversity of the Trust and received a sympathetic and understanding reply, but the contents of that communication made clear that if I continued in the Group, I would feel constrained, whenever similar joint concerns were involved.

I firmly believe that the aims of, and the work achieved by the NHS Steering Group, are of vital importance to those with mental health problems within Kent and I have no wish to jeopardise their future work. My confidence and self-esteem has increased during my time working with the group.

I therefore wish to make it clear, that it was my suggestion that Whitstable Friends might benefit from contact with the Steering Group, which would enable them to gain more awareness of the needs and difficulties of those LGBTs who might benefit from their services.

I made contact with the local group Chair, and also their Head Office, Attend.

When I received what I considered to be an uncaring response from both of these contacts, I posted the critical article upon the Pride in Canterbury website, www.prideincanterbury.org.uk without consulting anyone from the Steering Group, or indeed anyone from within the NHS.

At Pride in Canterbury, we are becoming aware that the newly introduced Equality Law is far from perfect, and that the Golden Age, where there is no homophobia and no inequality, if that can ever be achieved, is decades away. It will certainly not happen in my lifetime, but we firmly believe in what we are trying to do. We have had some success and we will continue in our efforts.

We are part of a wider struggle for LGBT equality and we cannot therefore be censored while working and fighting to promote our aims. Wherever unfairness and inequality exist we need to have the freedom to draw attention to it.

Whitstable Friends say that they are inclusive, yet unlike other groups such as those with hearing problems, they are not willing to learn about the needs and problems of LGBT people when joining largely heterosexual social groups

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We don't really need to listen to Labour leader Ed Miliband for four years, says Gary Wright

LABOUR leader Ed Miliband chose Gillingham as the place to convince the country he is the man who can build a party people will want to vote for again.

I was surprised he chose Kent. No one could see the county as a Labour stronghold, but by the same token it's counties like Kent where he will have to convince people he has something to offer.

At the moment it really doesn't matter what Labour says it would do on this, or what its policy is on that the party isn't in power, so why should anyone listen?

Red, as he's affectionately known, has other problems too. The mess inherited by Cameron and Clegg was bigger than anyone could have imagined.

So, criticism by Ed and his shadow cabinet is easily overcome: Labour would have had to do the same or it's Labour's fault anyway.

My gut feeling is the party is over-reacting to its General Election loss with its new-found taste for humble pie, admissions of how terrible and arrogant it became and beating itself up to win our love again.

It's pretty simple really.

Firstly, people had had enough of Gordon Brown.

Despite being the man who found a way through the banking crisis for world leaders, he was also responsible for getting Britain too deeply into the mess in the run up to it. Plus he wasn't good on telly and seemed a bit of an angry bully off it.

Secondly, people had had enough of Labour in power. It was time for change.

Ed wants to chuck out everything and start with a clean sheet, which includes keeping the 50p tax rate for the wealthy; marching with students on Whitehall (unless he's doing something else) and supporting middle income workers earning between £16,000 and £40,000. Or maybe £50,000, he's not too sure yet.

Instead of dumping New Labour ideals (socialism no, market economy yes), Ed might be able to avoid getting himself in such a mess by simply taking the best of what he already has.

It is no use returning to the Punch and Judy politics of the Thatcher years. Labour is in Opposition. Ed says it will take two years to make his party electable, so get on with scrutinising what the Coalition does and highlighting its weaknesses. Better still, ensure your MPs represent constituents properly - which is their job, after all – that's the way to get re-elected.

Ed arrived in Gillingham on Saturday promising to listen. Five days before, he'd told MPs being in opposition was "crap". I suspect they'll get used to it soon enough though and it may not be so "crap" for us.

His biggest personal worry is big brother David, still smarting from losing the leadership race. He has been thanking everyone who did support him. A cynic might suggest the underlying message is: I hope I can count on you next time'.

But most of us don't need to listen to Ed until four years' time... when the next General Election is due.

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residential homes and the like. These significant problems were highlighted in the recent BBC Radio 4 programme "Glad to be grey?". Surely this indifference in a supposedly caring organisation highlights a discrimination that is

very worrying.
David Wood, the Chief Executive of Attend, proudly stated in part of an email to me, on the day that I was made aware of this problem:

"In fact, I believe I quite clearly indicate that if you believe you have identified a pressing and urgent need, and have beneficiaries and supporters, that you create your own friends group, with a vision that meets that need.

In my view, we cannot expect everyone to solve problems we perceive: if we are given the perception, it is also our responsibility at some level to be architects of the solution.

"To reiterate what I have previously said, if you with (sic) to form an independent charity with a particular focus or client group, that has a health and social care root, then we would be pleased to support you in that, and welcome you into membership."

Lesbians and gays are often accused of having a ghetto mentality but this seems to be what Attend would prefer. If LGBTs need care and company, then they must keep away from the straights and care for themselves. Not very Christian that.

David Wood's comments also imply that anyone who refers a person to Whitstable Friends should actually form their own charity to help that person!

Pride in Canterbury work on behalf of the LGBT community across a broad spectrum. We have neither the manpower, time, nor the energy to set up a charitable organisation, and they know this. Whitstable Friends provide a befriending service that could and should benefit elderly gays, if the Friends were prepared to learn about, and understand their different needs. When offered the opportunity to do this and empathise with these needs, by an NHS related Group, they clearly did not want to know.

So if an older lesbian or gay, who has no contact with a gay scene, and no gay friends, contacts them, or is referred to them, the contact is unlikely to be a successful one. Is it impossible for Whitstable Friends to advertise for gay friendly befrienders? Don't Whitstable Friends want to give the best possible service to everyone who contacts them? Apparently not.

They may not have a legal responsibility to do so, but I would suggest that they have a moral one.

The reaction we have received to our attempt to help elderly LGBTS casts considerable doubts over David Cameron's plans for "The Big

I wish the LGBT Mental Health and Wellbeing Steering group every success in its all its future vital initiatives on our behalf.

Andrew Brettell, Pride in Canterbury

Our identities still need protecting

ID cards are being scrapped and with them the National Identity Register and the ContactPoint Children's database - a success for NO2ID, and I would like to publicly thank all those who supported and helped with our campaign - not just in my own branch but across East and Mid-Kent. So, is it all over? No, even though we may no longer be out on the streets with our stalls, a bureaucratic obsession with ID and information sharing goes on, and so do we. Your finances, your travel by plane or car, who you call and email, soon your medical records... all are starting to be captured and made available for "mining".

A 2009 report looked at forty-six

big government database projects. It found more than half damage personal privacy or create other risks. Only two of those have since been cancelled. We define The Database State as the trend to manage society by collecting data, mass surveillance, an authoritarian oversight of all aspects of our lives. NO2ID continues to campaign against state identity management and the abuse of personal information, and for individual control of what is private. Our current campaigns concern a proposed centralised electoral register with local authority powers to cross-match data to track those

who don't register, medical confidentiality and the NHS Spine (not yet rolled out in Kent: but coming), tracking travellers through e-passports and e-Borders, abuse of DNA records, snooping on internet and telephone use, and police logging of all car journeys using ANPR cameras.

Government needs some information to work, but they always take and use much more than they need. All squeeze facts out of you and force others to provide more. Just for the file. You may have to deal with them but you can't say what they can do with

In a few years it has become "normal" to be asked to provide ID, proof of address or other details by people who don't need them. More is officially gathered, cross-checked, passed-on - even to other

You should have the right to decide who knows what about you. We know where you live" is an old threat. The database state means state control of personal identity – with or without ID cards.

Ian Taylor, NO2ID Local Group Co-ordinator

More respect for foreign truck drivers

I found Roger Gale MP's letter about foreign trucks using our roads very distasteful.

Do British truckers run back from Europe with empty fuel tanks so they can purchase some of the costliest diesel in Europe? No they do not, so why should foreign vehicles feel obliged to do so? Only greedy successive British governments have maintained the high fuel taxation and put our own haulage industry at a commercial disadvantage.

Charging foreign vehicles to use our roads, of course they would not reciprocate. Are British right-hand drive vehicles more accident prone abroad, if so what is he doing about this? Or does that not matter as there are no votes in it for him?

Foreign vehicles may cause more accidents pro-rata than English vehicles, but could that be more down to British drivers not observing (foreign number plate, sign writing on truck etc) it is a non-British vehicle and being a bit more cautious.

He also suggests that foreign drivers be detained until their case comes to court and insurance claims settled, that could take months or years. Would he suggest similar imprisonment for British drivers abroad?

Perhaps it would be more helpful if Roger Gale MP would put some effort into providing more parking places with decent facilities, after all it is governments that have decided fixed driving/rest periods for drivers.

They may not speak our language, but they are just normal people, with families just trying to do a job of work and should be treated with common decency as any person should be.

Terry Hudson, by email

Third court to deal with abuse cases

A THIRD specialist domestic violence court could be opened to tackle the high number of abuse cases.

The county already has two, based in Maidstone and Thanet, but the Kent Criminal Justice Board is working with other agencies with the aim of opening a third in Medway next year.

Magistrates, prosecutors and legal advisors at these courts have all undergone specialist training in domestic abuse issues.

Plans for a third facility are a result of the high number of prosecutions seen through the specialist courts.

Justice

Six months before the Maidstone court was opened in July, 2007, a total of 14 perpetrators were brought to justice - in any six month period now the figure is more than 150

The Thanet court, since opening in July, is seeing an average of 23 cases a month with a 43 per cent increase in the number of successful convictions – from 14 to 20.

If a Medway court was to open it is estimated the specialist facilities would manage 1,100 cases a year.

Deputy Chief Constable of Kent, Adrian Leppard, who chairs the Kent Criminal Justice Board, said: "Bringing more perpetrators to justice is one of our key targets and providing a safe, supportive and secure environ-ment for victims and witnesses is an essential element of this.

Victims can give evidence by video link or from behind a screen with support available before, throughout and after the legal process

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Domestic abuse victims to get more protection

THE staggering number of cases of domestic violence has led to the launch of a new strategy reaching out to victims of abuse.

Since 2006, more than 20,000 incidents have been reported in Kent and Medway every year, with a staggering £317 million a year spent on dealing with the effects.

plan brings together various organisations in a bid to drive down the high number of cases and better protect victims.

It was drawn up by the Kent and Medway Domestic Abuse Strategy Group, made up of representatives from police, criminal justice, local government agencies and support groups, to maximise resources and provide victims with efficient and effective services.

At the heart of the new policy is a commitment from the various agencies to work together more closely and integrate the work they do for victims. At the moment they each have their own teams working on domestic violence, leading to some doubling up of services.

BY **MARIJKE COX**

Christine Missen, Crown Prosecution Services' domestic violence co-ordinator for Kent, said agencies working together would mean help for a victim from the beginning to

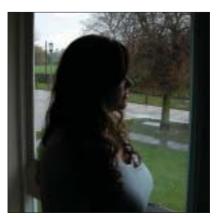
"We need to make people much more aware of the support that is available," she said.

"We needed a new approach to this. Victims need help and advice at the start, during the prosecution process and after.
"Through this we can offer support through

every step of the way, such as refuge and

Kent County Council's head of community safety Stuart Beaumont, who chairs the Domestic Abuse Strategy Group, said the plan laid out a simple, but clear focus on the ambitions of organisations working to reduce domestic abuse and support victims, the majority of which are women.

The immediate challenge continues to be how to sustain, develop and improve those



HELP: The joining of services aims to better help and support victims of domestic violence from beginning to end

services that are working within the domestic abuse field," he said.

"The long term aim is to reduce the number of people affected by domestic abuse across Kent and Medway.

Eight specialist domestic abuse units are used within Kent Police and more than 2,000 officers and staff have received training in the use of a national risk identification checklist called DASH – Domestic Abuse, Stalking, Harassment and Honour Based Violence – to help identify a victim.

Independent Domestic Violence Advisors (IDVA) are also used in Kent to act as a bridge between victims and the various agencies needed during a domestic violence case

To read the fill strategy go to the Kent Criminal Justice Board website Criminal Justice www.cjsonline.gov.uk/kent.

For victim help call Kent Police's domestic violence officers on 01622 690690 for general

enquiries or 999 in an emergency.

The National Domestic Violence Helpline is

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Baby blood tests save lives

BY STEVE KNIGHT

SCIENTISTS dedicated to tackling killer diseases from the first days of a baby's life have stepped out from behind the microscope.

Every year tens of thousands of newborn babies in Kent are tested for illnesses such as cystic fibrosis and sickle cell disorders, with experts at GSTS Pathology's 'newborn bloodspot screening' team to thank for recognising the early symptoms and ensuring the necessary treatment is available.

The scientists in question have now met with mothers whose minds would have been put at rest by their sterling work.

"We screen about 60,000 babies a year in Kent, Sussex and south-east London," said director of newborn screening Fiona Carragher, whose team is based at St Thomas' Hospital in Westminster.

"Pathology can be thought of as quite a backroom service so we wanted to show people what science is doing to help the community.

"We are quite a big population in the NHS but we tend to be in the lab a lot so people don't see us out in the wards. But we play a vital part in healthcare. Ive had children in the last couple of years and it's reassuring to know a small amount of blood can make a massive difference to your child."

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Parents of every UK baby are offered a blood screening test within about five days of their child being born, with the current take-up rate standing at more than 99 per cent.

The GSTS unit is one of 13 in the country and the samples sent there are analysed for



five different conditions – cystic fibrosis, sickle cell disorders, phenylkentonuria (PKU), congenital hyperthyroidism (CHT) and medium chain acyl coenzyme A dehydrogenase deficiency (MCADD).

In the past year, 175 samples tested positive for at least one of the illnesses, equating to one in 333 babies receiving potentially life-saving treatment as a result.

"If we hadn't screened them then they would have ended up being very sick," said Ms Carragher. "Many people are unaware of what newborn bloodspot screening is until they have their baby, and even then sometimes don't fully understand why it's being done.

"The important thing to know is that if the five conditions we test for are not detected in the child's first month or so, quality of life severely diminishes. Early detection of a condition means it can be effectively managed."

Bloodspot screening was first offered in parts of the UK in the 1960s and was expanded

in the 1980s to cover every baby in the country. Originally the Kent samples were tested for different diseases at separate hospitals in London, but since February last year the service has operated under one roof at St. Thomas'.

"We wanted everything to be as seamless as possible," said Ms Carragher. "Parents used to receive three different reports from us so one of the first things we did was to bring all the test results together into one report."





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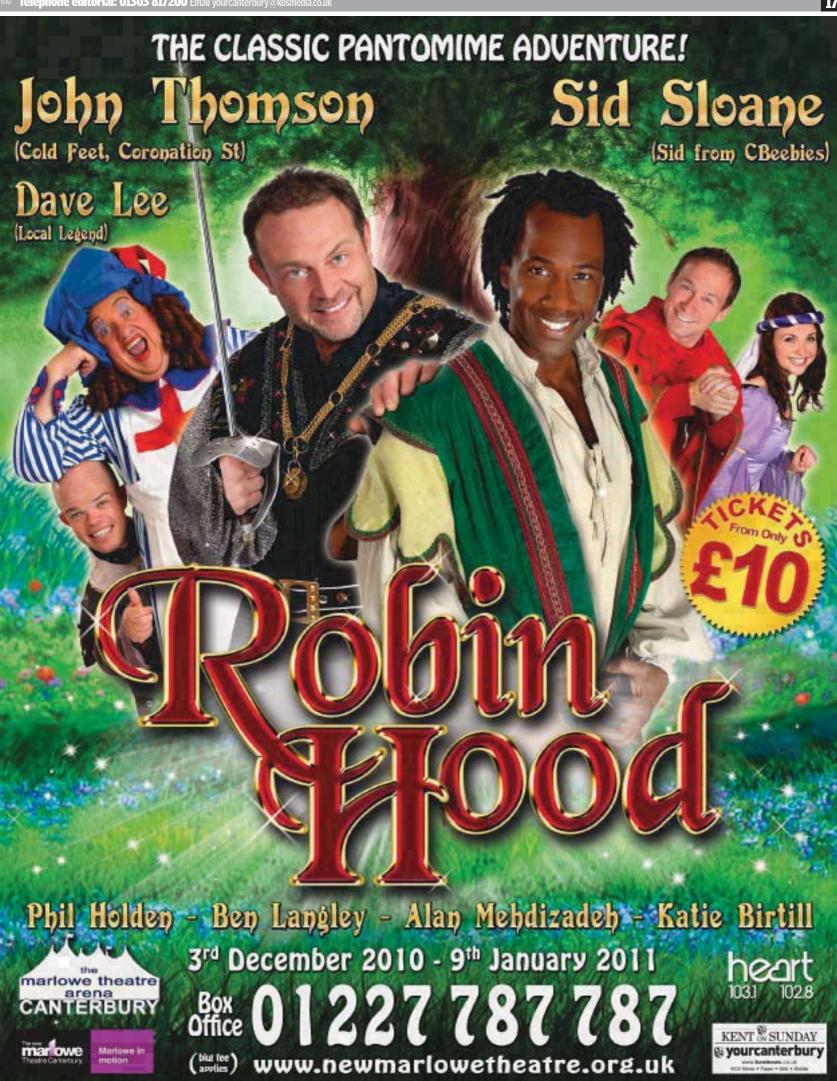
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Hiding to nothing with sniffer dog

A DOG sniffed out stowaways attempting to cross the Channel and enter the UK through the Port of Dover.

Four would-be illegal immigrants were discovered on November 13 by UK Border Agency officials in Calais after they were alerted by their sniffer dog.

A search of the Turkey-registered lorry found four Eritreans, two men and two women, hiding in the trailer.

The following day, officers in Coquelles searched a Polish lorry bound for Dover after discovering it was not secured properly. Inside they found four Vietnamese and three Iranians.

Carole Upshall, the UK Border Agency's director for European operations, said: "Finds such as this highlight the determination and expertise required to stay one step ahead of illegal immigration.

"In 2009, we stopped more than 29,000 individual attempts to cross the English Channel illegally and searched in excess of a million vehicles."

Late-night assault

A MAN required hospital treatment for facial injuries after he was attacked with a bottle outside a bar in Bench Street, Dover.

The assault took place just after mid-

night on Sunday, November 7, in the smoking area at Funky Monkey.

The 27-year-old victim suffered a cut lip and swelling to his jaw and cheek and needed stitches.

Anyone with information about the incident is asked to contact PC Lucy Hazelden on 01304 218181, or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

County Hall wants extra £25m in savings 'shock'

FINANCE chiefs at County Hall have revealed public services will come under even more pressure with an additional £25 million needed in savings over the next two years.

The authority had initially forecast a £136m budget shortfall for 2011-13, but now predictions of Government grant reductions combined with additional spending pressures has pushed the figure up to more than £161m.

The amount forms part of the £340m savings needed at Kent County Council over the next four years. It is likely to mean residents are asked to pay for some services they previously received for free.

Shortfall

Authority bosses had not expected such a large shortfall in the first two years after councils nationwide had been told to expect Government grant cuts of seven per cent every year for the next four years.

KCC cabinet member for finance Cllr John Simmonds said the higher percentages came as a shock after lower predictions were announced at a KCC meeting in October.

"What took us by surprise was we were expecting a grant reduction of 7.25 per cent in the first year, but it is just over 10.1 per cent for 2011-12," he said.

"For 2012-13 it is 8.6 per cent; in the third

BY **MARIJKE COX**

year 3.3 per cent; and then 7.9 per cent. "It puts pressure on us because around 18 per cent is going to come out in the first two years. It's accelerated the savings we were going to make over the four years.

Cllr Simmonds admitted it was going to be difficult to take money out of the existing budget: "We've already had £15.5m knocked out this year. We've got some considerable pressures,"

A report setting out the council's overall financial challenge was discussed by cabinet members on Monday, two weeks before the Government announces exactly how much KCC will get in grants. The report looks at "unavoidable" budget pressures and outlines expected reductions. Cllr Simmonds said the council had looked at every one of the hundreds of services it provides, how they are delivered, and what customers expect.

He said residents could have to start paying for some services that were previously paid for by the council - but it was too early to say which services would be hit.

"We need to look at things that people value and what things we can cut back on," he said.

"The reorganisation of the authority and how we carry out business will also help produce an economy. Levels of staffing are already being reduced by us not filling jobs or vacancies."

He stressed that children's social services, elderly provision and adult social services were a key priority for the council. KCC is currently considering whether to close a number of council-run care homes for elderly people.

"The number of referrals after the Baby P case have gone up because people are taking no chances, which puts KCC under tremendous pressure," Cllr Simmonds said.

"We've also got a rapidly growing adult population. One of the most expensive things we do is elderly assessments to see if they qualify for support and how much they get.

Painful

"This is done by the Department for Work and Pensions, but they won't disclose the information to us, so we also have to do the assessments. If we could work together we could save money here."

Cllr Simmonds said district and borough councils would find the grant reductions 'extremely painful" and admitted KCC was luckier due to its large size.

"If we can weather the next few years hopefully then we'll have smoother waters," he said. Locally people are aware of the changes. Communities can help by looking at some of the things we do and help provide this on smaller level. We have considerable voluntary input in Kent."

To read the autumn budget statement, go to

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Hospice trees of love

PILGRIMS Hospices are again carrying out the Trees of Love project.
Friends and family wishing to remem-

ber loved ones can add their names to a Christmas tree at each of the hospices in Canterbury, Ashford and Thanet. To complete a tag, pick up a leaflet at any Pilgrims Hospice, call 01227 782062, or go to www.pilgrimshospice.org.

Don't miss Aladdin

THE Granville Theatre in Ramsgate is presenting Aladdin this Christmas time.

The panto runs from Saturday, December 11 to Monday, January 3. Tickets start from £11 adults, £10 con-

cessions. Call the box office on 01843 591750 for details and to book or visit www.granvilletheatre.com. Group booking and family deals are available

Pupils join carol night

THE Whitstable Choral Society holds a Concert of Carols on Saturday, December 11.

It takes place at St Alphege Church, High Street, Whitstable at 7.30pm and features children from Blean Primary School as well as the society's singers.

Tickets are £7.50 adults, children £5 from www.whitstablechoral.org.uk, call 01227 750950 or on the door.

Players' festive cheer

THE Birchington Guild of Players holds

a Christmas Night of entertainment. It takes place at The Centre, Alpha Road, Birchington at 8pm on Friday, December 10, and will include songs, dancing, sketches and readings.

Festive food is served during the interval. Tickets are £5 from 01843 843687.

Composers showcased

THE first year of Sounds New International Composer Pyramid will end on Saturday, December 4.

The work of 12 composers will be performed at Augustine Hall, part of Canterbury Christ Church University new library, at 4pm.

The conductor is Gerry Cornelius, who has worked with the BBC Concert Orchestra, and the Welsh National

Day Out at the theatre

THE Kent Youth Theatre performs Our Day Out, the musical play by Willy Russell this month.

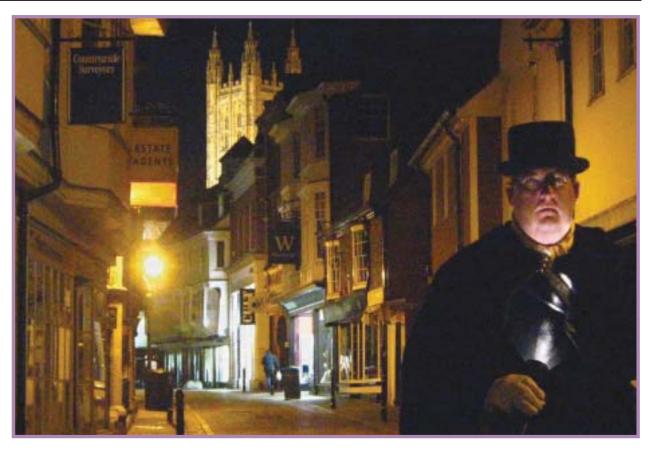
The show is at Kent College, Whitstable Road, Canterbury at 7.30pm on December 15, 16 and 17

All seats are $\pounds 5$. Call the box office on 01227 730177 or email JustBigKids @kentyouththeatre.co.uk. Visit www. kentyouththeatre.co.uk for details.

Art and crafts on show

WORK from artists and makers across Thanet features in an exhibition, Dark Nights Bright Lights at Marine Studios, Albert Terrace, Margate, from December 3 to December 12.

The show is open Monday to Friday, 10am to 6pm and on Saturday and Sunday, from 2pm to 5pm.



Take a walk on city's wild side

CANTERBURY GHOST TOURS

Start from Alberrys Wine Bar, St Margaret's Street, Canterbury

A BRUSH with the paranormal when he was young sparked John Hippisley's interest in ghosts, and it has continued into later life.

John leads the ghost walks which take place through the streets of Canterbury all year round.

The walks have fed John's interest over the years, but for him, the fascination started many years ago. He takes up the story.

"One night, when I was away at school in Goudhurst, my best friend Miles and I decided we would run away to Florida, as 13-year-old boys do, and I went to meet him at the bike sheds in the night but he never turned up.

"I waited until midnight and gave up and went up to bed. Then in the middle of the night, at about 4.30am, I was woken up by Miles, shaking me and telling me to get a move on and to get up and come with him.

"I was fed up with it all by that time, and told him to go away, that we were supposed to leave at 9.30pm, not now, but he kept saying "we gotta go, we gotta go". I told him to go and send me a postcard and went back to sleep.

"Anyway, I just presumed he'd gone, and didn't think much of it until the next day when the police arrived at the school, and told us a

boy had been killed after being hit by a truck.
"It turned out to be Miles, of course, and it had taken place on the A28 at 4.30am, when I was talking to him. He had actually left as planned on his own, without me and been killed. He had walked for miles and miles.

"I'm convinced it wasn't a dream, and when I met his father at the funeral he had had the same kind of experience. He'd also been woken up by Miles in the night, and by the time he'd gone out to follow him he'd vanished, and there was no sign of him.

"As well as me, other boys in our dormitory saw him and heard him that night. I believe it was what is known as a doppelganger, a crisis apparition that many people see. It is almost as if the deceased is given a short period to

visit their friends and loved ones before they are gone forever.

John says Canterbury has a rich history of ghostly goings-on to tell people about, and he has even written a book on the subject, entitled Haunted Canterbury.

The tours are full of those spooky tales mixed in with the city's rich history, and take about 90 minutes to complete.

All manner of spooky tales trip from John's tongue as he wander the streets with his lantern, top hat and cape during the tours, that will send a shiver down your spine.

For a time, John ran them to raise money for the Friends of the Marlowe Theatre, and managed to raise £1,000 for the cause.

They begin at Alberry's wine bar and cost £9 for adults, £8 concessions and £7 for children.

Deals for groups and tours that include a meal at a restaurant are also available.

John said: "At this time of year, when the nights are cold and dark, people's thoughts always turn more towards this sort of thing, so if you are interested then do come along.'

For more information on the walks, or to book, visit www.canterburyghosttour.com.



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MY PASSION, SIZEN AND MORGLBL

Sunday, December 5, Quarterhouse, Folkestone

IT'S metal night at the Quarterhouse, when these bighitters roar into town.

It's the last night of a national tour, so all three bands will be wanting to finish with a flourish.

My Passion, nominated for Best British Newcomer at the 2010 Kerrang! Awards, are promoting their new album, and are renowned for their tight and energetic performances.

Morglbl, featuring one of the best guitar players in France, the virtuoso Christophe Godin, are also making a stir in hard rock circles.

Bassist Ivan Rougny also has a unique style of playing and pushes the boundaries.

Sizen, meanwhile, have received rave reviews from Metal Hammer, Rock Sound, Big Cheese and Power Play, topped off by a 4 'K' review from Kerrang magazine for their debut album What Do You See?

As a one-off special, Sizen will be joined by Sally Jo, six-string metal violinist and Sizen Shadow Orchestra. Support for the three main acts comes from I.R.I.S and Colt 44.

Tickets are £8 in advance or £10 on the door. Call 01303858500 or visit www.quarter-house.co.uk to book. Over 16s



CUT A SHINE WINTER HOEDOWN

Saturday, December 4, Astor Theatre, Deal

SMUGGLERS Records Present an evening with their friends, associates and cronies.

On Saturday it's the Cut A Shine Collective Winter Hoedown, featuring soulgrass band Kidnap Alice.

The seven-piece, who hail from Hackney in London, blend soul, bluegrass, and old time influences to make their own special sound and to bridge the gap between vintage rhythm and blues and Appalachian mountain music.

They have played at Glastonbury, and the the LoveBox, Green Man and

Bestival festivals among others. Featured are Joe Buirski in banjo, Joe Hymas on mandolin, Felix Vandersluis, Jerry Bloom on fiddle, Ben Gallon on guitar, Danimal Kuper on accordion and Alice Ballantine on vocals

and guitar. There'll even be a prize for the best redneck outfit, so grab a partner and swing on down to the Barn Dance.

Tickets are £8 in advance £10 on the door and the fun starts at 7.30pm.

Visit www.theastor.org for more information and to book, or call 01304 370220.



Friday, December 31, The Kings Hall, Beacon Hill, Herne Bay

SEE in the new year in style with

one of Kent's top soul bands. Rubber Biscuit are holding a holiday hootenanny to see out 2010 and see in 2011.

An evening of drinking, dancing and merry-making will make this one party not to be missed.

The band have been regulars on the South East's gig scene since 1992, and played all over the world.

The aim is to get everyone in the room up and dancing, with their infectiously energetic performances. Having sold out Canterbury's Marlowe Theatre on a number of

occasions, Rubber Biscuit has a deserved reputation for going that extra mile to offer something different to local music fans.

This year they have entertained



thousands at various gigs across the county and their Christmas shows at the King's Hall go down well.

The 500 capacity venue is usually full with a fantastic crowd, all keen to see what surprises the band has in store.

The band hope that the move to

New Year's Eve will generate an even greater party atmosphere and promise a night to remember - the perfect way to greet 2011.
Tickets are £15 each, doors open

at 7.30pm. Book online at kingscaterers.co.uk or call 01227 373322.



PINOCCHIO

Thursday, December 9 to December 27 Theatre Royal, Margate



A NEW family musical of the famous story of the wooden boy with the lengthening nose comes to Thanet for a lengthy run at the Theatre Royal. This is a show full of warmth, wit and wonderful

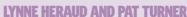
characters, stunning sets and fabulous costumes.

The old woodworker Geppetto decides to create a puppet of his own – an obedient and well-behaved son. But Pinocchio has other ideas, and becomes caught

up in a series of adventures that land him in trouble. This full-scale mini-operetta comes from the same great team that brought you last year's hugely popular Snow Queen and the terrific Ali Baba.

There are no performances on December 19, 20, and 25. Tickets cost £14 for adults, £12.50 senior citizens, £10 children for the 10am and 1.30pm shows, but increase for the shows at 2pm, 5.30pm and 7pm shows. Family tickets (from £44 for two adults, two children) are available.

More details are available from the website at ww.theatreroyalmargate.com or call the box office on $0845\ 1301786$ or $01227\ 787787.$



Wednesday, December 15, The Chimney Boy, Faversham

FAVERSHAM Folk Club welcomes back the two performers with a fine folk pedi-

The pair are two of the most experienced and established harmony singers on the folk scene and have a leaning towards traditional English material, but occasionally diversify and perform their own material and Victorian and

Edwardian songs.

During the 1970s, Lynne Heraud sang as part of a successful duo with Sue Ashby when they performed at many major clubs and festivals in the UK.

In the early 1980s she sang with Frank Lee and John Lambert as Tom, Dick and

Lynne is also half of a very successful duo with Keith Kendrick, and they released a highly-acclaimed CD Stars in my Crown in 2001.

Pat sang for six years with the harmony group, Filigree, with Pete Cunningham and Chris and Roger Jeffreys. They recorded two albums and even released a

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BEAUTIFUL slim, Oriental bab 22, seeks older, generous guy 65 plus who knows how to pamper. London. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 348545

PRETTY happy go lucky lady, no

WLTM laidback mature man to share laughter/TLC. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 352673

CURVY brunette, loving but a bit of

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Box No: 333815

CUDDLY bubbly female, 49, lovely personality, many interests WLTM nice man with similar interests for fiendship first. Tel No: 0906 515

7112 Box No: 353453

TALL slim blonde, 46, loves to travel looking for someone genuine and honest to share cosy living looking for her Mr Right, 45-evenings in with a bottle of wine, 55, who can make her feel special. Tel No: 0906 515

7112 Box No: 351341

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LEGGY brunette, young 50's, RED haired rock chick, loves fast CURVY blonde, big blue eyes, easygoing looking for excitement, cars, seeking tall, dark, well many interests WLTM genuine likes nature, animals, nights out, groomed male for fun in the fast male to make her laugh and bright-seeks similar tall, solvent male for law naybe more. Tel en up her day. Tel No: 0906 515 fun and laughter. Tel No: 0906 515 No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 7112 Box No: 350721 🗒 351393

No: 352711 CURVY brown eyed brunette, fed eyes seeks male for good converseeks special lady for eyes seeks male for good converseeks special lady for seeks generous, good man blooked after in return. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 351389

Men Seeking

TALL white guy, brown hair/eyes, CHRIS 49, own home, seeks 49, seeks female with good personality for friendship, maybe Portsmouth. Tel No: 0906 515 more. London. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 353977

MALE seeks female for serious romantic, tactile, solvent, GSOH, relationship. Stratford. Tel No: likes music, countryside, DIY, car 0906 515 7112 Box No: 354095 ⊕ boots, candlelit cuisine, seeks cuddly, attractive lady. Haslemere. Tel MALE youthful 60's, slim, N/S, No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: mild OCD, likes most things, seeks 353843

MALE youthful 60's, slim, N/S, mild OCD, likes most things, seeks 353843 similar, attractive, genuine female, 56 plus for LTR. East Grinstead. LOCAL Andover male, seeks local Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: Andover female, 30-50 for loving, 383004 lasting relationship. N/S with no children. Tel No: 0906 515 7112

BLUE eyed male, 60's, slim, active, 5ft 5ins, solvent, likes socialising, drives, travel, seeks petite female for LTR. Burgess Hill. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382996

GOOD looking Asian male, profestimes together with likeminded likes cinema, walks, reading,
easygoing male. Tel No: 0906 515
Eastbourne. Tel No: 0906 515
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SLIM white male, 47, young looks,
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tury female, 24-45 for LTR,
sports, travel, seeks attractive
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Seeks fun gu, Sutton. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 353355

Seeks fun gu, Sutton. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383502

Seeks fun gu, Sutton. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382502

TINY attractive fun loving lady, likes to cook romantic meals, music and dancing, WLTM medium built likeminded male for loving LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Rov No: 382948

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nights in/out and love. Portsmouth.

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Staying in with glass wine, eating out, walks by the sea, seeks similar to the similar puty who also knows how to have a good time. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 352735 Bo 41YR old male, GSOH, seeks female for fun, company and maybe more. Portsmouth. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 352417

> MALE 32, blue eyes, blond hair, seeks young female, 18-40, caring, outgoing for socialising and romance. Bognor Regis. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382682

travelled, compassionate, romantic male, 48, seeks loving, passionate, romantic lady for LTR. Storrington. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 352793 🗒

ROGER 68, 5ft 11ins, N/S, romantic, GSOH, dependable, sincere, easygoing, seeks slim-medium build, attractive female for LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 352669

DAVID 60, average build, likes, seeks tall, slim, attractive guy less, seeks tall, slim, attractive guy with big heart as well as personalisports, walks, cinema, meals out, by for fun friendship. Tel No: 0906 15 7112 Box No: 352675

MIKE 50, attractive, medium build, nights in/out, country pubs, anisports, walks, cinema, meals out, by for fun friendship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 352675

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GUIET smart, brown eyed lady, likes meals out and dancing, likes a laugh, seeks limilar lady for LTR. seeks female to look after and with similar disposition. East Sussex. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382684

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TALL attractive, black male, seeks loyal, seeks similar female, 40-50.
mature, white female for friendBrighton. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 ship. Haywards Heath. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382848 Box No: 382632

PRETTY blonde with lovely green FUNNY chatty 44yr old male, eyes seeks male for good converseeks special lady for special sation and companionship. Tel No: times. Cheam. Tel No: 0906 515 LONELY male, 37, attractive,

KIND warm hearted 6ft 2ins, well

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successful YOUNG male, medium build, enturous, fun Indian, seeks older, adventurous, ks attractive, assionate lady, 40 plus for fun interest the good and with the control of the control nights in with good food and wine. London/Herts. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 353083 🗒

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48, seeks female with good personality for friendship, maybe
more. London. Tel No: 9906 515
7112 Box No: 352837
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clean, 6ft, seeks beautiful, slim, bored female for intimate times, must drive. Swindon. Tel No; 0906 515 7112 Box No: 352981

SOLVENT slim male, 5ft 10ins, fun, 50's, WLTM similar relaxed lady. Hampshire/Surrey. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 353435 MICHAEL 5ft 10ins, medium build, seeks sincere female with a bit of naughtiness. Reigate. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 353363

RUGGED good looking, dark haired male, young looking 50, fit, charismatic, intellectual, charming,

seeks slim, petite female for LTR. Dulwich. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 352999 SINGLE male, 34, seeks female for fun times, maybe more. 25-40. Surrey. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382850 €

BARRY likes travel, culture, seeks

ATTRACTIVE fit, mature male, seeks Asian/Oriental female for relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382370 ₿

TALL male, dark hair, good looking, smoker, likes sports, cinema, male, 40-65. Redhill. seeks female for friendship, maybe Surrey/Sussex /Kent. Tel No: 0906 more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382458

PAUL 5ft 11ins, 13st, fair hair, blue eyes, clean shaven, smart, muscu-lar, fit, active, likes travel, music, theatre, cinema, meals out, seeks mature female. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382466

WHITE male, young looks, new to area, seeks female for fun and friendship, maybe more. Hastings.

WHITE male, young looks, new to likeminded male. Tel No: 0906 515
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TALL
dark haired
male, blue eyes,
good looking, seeks
attractive Princess with
GSOH. Tel No: 0906 515
7112 Box No: 382258 🗒

CARING affable man teacher 56 ilkes arts, rock, travel, seeks interesting, intelligent childless woman, for LTR and adventures. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 347051

BRIAN 47, 5ft 9ins, medium build, attractive, N/S, likes pubs, meals out, cinema, seeks attractive, white female, 35-47 for LTR. East London. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 351499

SINGLE professional Indian male, 5ft 7ins, medium build, attractive, N/S, vegetarian, 50, young outlook, seeks female for relationship. Harrow. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 351513

MALE 40, likes animals, walks, seeks female for happiness. Newbury. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 351521 🗒

CARING white male, 61, N/S, many interests, seeks romantic, understanding black lady, 50-65, size 18 plus for LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 351255

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DISCREET gay male, attractive, 5ft 6ins, N/S, easygoing, submissive nature, seeks older assertive male for fun and friendship. Portsmouth. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 352387

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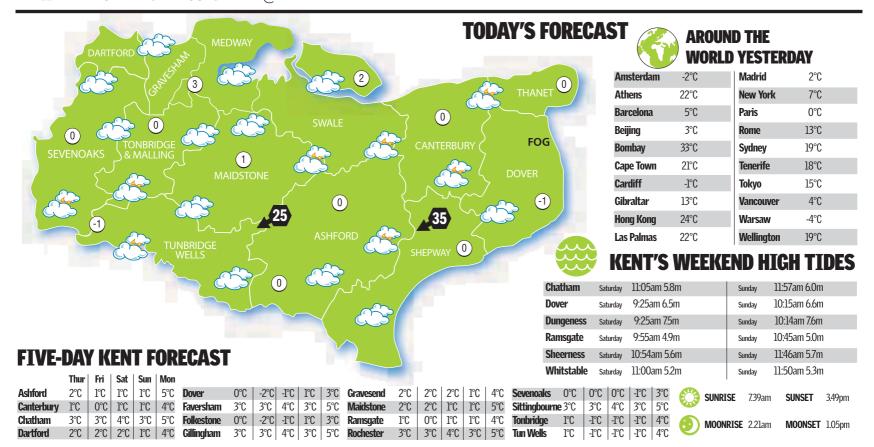
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Nowhere to run as past comes gunning for assassin Clooney

BY DAMON SMITH

BASED on the Martin Booth novel A Very Private Gentleman, director Anton Corbijn's follow-up to the award-winning Ian Curtis biopic Control is a meticulously crafted portrait of a man of violence trying to escape his grim fate.

Predictably, the antihero can only outrun the past for so long before it catches up with him and demands bloodthirsty redemption.

George Clooney is on screen for almost every frame in the title role, his face etched with weariness as an assassin who has grown tired of always looking over his shoulder.

Without the star power of its leading man, The American would struggle to find an audience outside the arthouse circuit.

It's an unremittingly bleak and slow-burning study of solitude, epitomised by a remarkable and protracted sequence in which the titular character drives towards the white light at the end of a long tunnel.

Corbijn refuses to cut away from inside the car as the white light expands, illuminating the driver until the entire screen is filled with blinding white.

Following a bungled assassination attempt in Sweden, hitman Jack (George Clooney) decides to abandon the killing game once and for all. He phones handler Pavel (Johan Leysen), who suggests that Jack should lay low in the Italian town of Castelvecchio.

"Don't talk to anyone and, above all, don't make any friends. You used to know that," scolds Pavel.

The hit man drives to the remote community and on the spur of the moment disobeys orders and sets up camp in nearby Castel Del

By day, Jack keeps himself busy by constructing a custom-made weapon for mysterious client Mathilde (Thekla Reuten).



By night, he enjoys the carnal delights of local prostitute, Clara (Violante Placido). As Jack's paranoia takes hold, he seeks counsel from local holy man, Father Benedetto (Paolo Bonacelli). "A man can be rich if he has God in his heart," contends the priest.

don't think God is interested in me, Father," mocks Jack, fearing he is well past the point of no return.

The American is an engrossing character

study, enlivened by explosions of violence including a night-time car chase that is as close as the film strays to an action set-piece.

Corbijn makes excellent use of the stunning European locations and keeps himself, and us, amused with interesting shots.

Thus, the throwaway image of a train arriving at a platform in Rome is captured as a reflection in one of the station display boards. In the absence of bright colours in the film's palette, Clooney sparks a dazzling screen chemistry, in very different ways, with Placido and Bonacelli, the latter wearing his dog collar with conviction.

"You are American. You think you can escape history," laments Father Benedetto.

As Jack discovers, there is no escape.





PERIOD DRAMA: Andrew Buchan stars as the engaging barrister William Garrow



YOUR TV REVIEW GARROW'S LAW: Sunday, 9pm, BBC1

IF you have been missing your weekly Sunday evening hit of high period drama after the conclusion of ITVs hit show Downton Abbey, you can now breathe easy

The good old BBC has dutifully replaced Downton, in exactly the same 9pm pre-work stress busting slot, with another hour long ode to times past. But unlike ITV's genial offering, which peddles history as a side order to drama, frocks and country piles, Garrow's Law tells the story of seminal events in the criminal justice system.

It follows the life of William

Garrow (Andrew Buchan), a dashing young barrister kicking up a storm in the Old Bailey with his progressive views about justice and equality.

It seems Garrow, who later went on to be a judge and solicitor general for England and Wales, was the man

BY JENNY ARMSTRONG

who coined the phrase "innocent until proven guilty", used as a mantra in legal trials to this day. He also championed the adversarial system of justice still practised in courts today, where both the prosecution and the defence have their say in court.

As one would expect, Garrow's Law includes its fair share of court scenes with judges and barristers in full fig, as well as gasps and shouts from the public gallery rendered unlikely by their frequency and volume.

And they are great cases too - ones with shocking messages about the way justice was conducted and what used to be illegal.

In one case the captain of a slave ship is standing trial for insurance fraud because he threw 50 of his slaves overboard on false pretences, but the act is not treated as murder.

But court does not dominate the programme. There is a love interest in the form of the delicious Lady Sarah (Lyndsey Marshal), pretty frocks, big houses and several other

story lines to keep the interest going. Sadly, Garrow's Law does not glide through the period as effortlessly as Downton did. The budget is clearly lower, the cast not as stellar and some of the sets come off a bit more Blackadder than Bronte. And as this is now the second series of Garrow's Law, a lot of back story is assumed in terms of the relationship between Garrow and Lady Sarah, which adds a mite of confusion.

But all in all it is a fair replacement to Downton and far more educational to boot.

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Christmas made for Bad Manners



BAD BOYS: Buster and the gang are bringing their Christmas tour to the Quarterhouse

BY SIMON ROBINSON

MY PARENTS were wrong bad manners should not be forcibly discouraged, rather actively encouraged.

Sure, talking with your mouth full is disgusting, talking while someone else is speaking is obnoxious and those animals who stubbornly refuse to punctuate their utterings with neither 'please' nor 'thankyou' deserve to

But bad manners are still a-ok

in my book.
After all, how can you dislike one of the 1980s most widely-known two-tone acts, famed for hits such as Lip Up Fatty, My Girl Lollipop and the Can Can?

I'll accept that The Specials and Madness hold a larger chunk of the genre's place in my heart, but hearing Buster Bloodvessel and his boys never fails to lighten the mood of this hardened-hack.

So imagine my Christmas Day Scrooge epiphany-esque delight when I learned Bad Manners were playing a festive gig at The Quarterhouse in Folkestone next

I was overjoyed.

A Quarterhouse spokesman was equally buoyant.

He said: "Buster Bloodvessel and his band of merry men -BAD MANNERS are joining us as part of their Special Christmas Tours, and they're not leaving til you've skanked like Santa Claus.

"Having played a fair bit locally, the band's live support around here remains second-tonone, as proven by their gig at this years Lounge On The Farm festival, drawing a crowd just as big as that of the headline act Toots & the Maytals. And they put on just as good a show, if not better, to match it."

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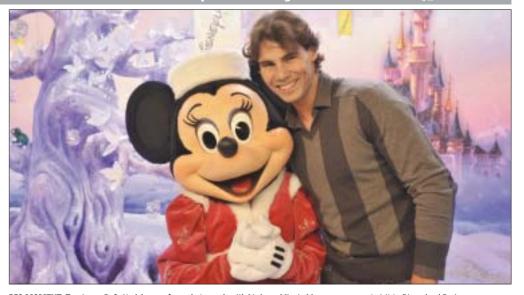
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Pints Of Lager And A Packet Of Crisps fame, alongside a local ska band well on the up and some bonafide solid ska selectors filling

in the gaps.

Bad Manners play The Quarterhouse on Wednesday, December 15.

Tickets cost £16 and can be purchased online at www.quarter-



BIG MOMENT: Tennis ace Rafa Nadal poses for a photograph with his hero, Minnie Mouse, on a recent visit to Disneyland Paris

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Christmas magic is bigger and better at Disneyland

■ BY TOM WILKINSON

FALLING snow, a parade of princesses and a lollipop the size of a dinner plate my three-year-old thought her Christmas had come early at Disneyland Paris, and perhaps it had.

The giant resort stretches out the festive period from the first weekend in November to January, with a spectacular show of glitz, glamour and razzmatazz, enough to warm the heart of this old Scrooge.

It's impossible not to get carried away with the fun when you see it through the eyes of a mesmerised daughter, who could not stop beaming after meeting Mickey Mouse and Disney's newest heroine Rapunzel, whose movie is not even out yet.

Rosie and I travelled to Disneyland Paris for a weekend break from St Pancras International Soon we were at Marne la Vallee station, practically on the doorstep of the two theme parks and retail village.

Our Hotel New York was a couple of minutes' walk away, and we swiftly checked in next to the huge Christmas tree in the lobby

But that tree was dwarfed by the 24-metre tall, 24-tonne pine that Disney unveiled at the start of its Christmas celebrations.

The tree, in the square of Main Street USA, boasts almost 500 bulbs, and the star at the top is lit every night in a charming ceremony.

Disney doesn't really do darkness, as more than a million lights illuminate the Town Square, Main Street and Sleeping Beauty's Castle over Christmas.

Main Street is the venue for the Dreams of Christmas Parade, when all your favourite cartoon heroes pass before your eyes on floats, in an all-singing, all-dancing spectacular.

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Tom Wilkinson was a guest of Disneyland Paris which offers three-day packages via Eurostar in December from £412 per adult and £178 per child (7-11), and £65 per child (4-5, travel only). Under-7s stay and play free until December 31 Package including two nights' B&B at Disney's Hotel New York and three-day hopper tickets for Disneyland Park and Walt Disney Studios Park. Same package at Disney's Hotel Santa Fe from £287 per adult, £178 per child. Disneyland Paris reservations: 0844 800 8111 and www.disneylandparis.com



It proved to be a highlight for my little one, and for hundreds if not thousands of others who lined the parade route to get a good view.

When the float carrying all the princesses, including her all-time favourites Jasmine (from Aladdin) and Ariel (from the Little Mermaid), arrived, Rosie's eyes were on stalks.

For Christmas, Santa has been invited to set up his workshop, and children drop off letters for him.

There was so much going on, it would be easy to miss something great. Luckily, Rosie was too small for some of the more scary rides, as we could never have crammed everything in.

When we weren't star-spotting tennis ace Rafa Nadal was visiting when we were there - Rosie and I

tackled as many rides as we could. Her undoubted favourite was a gentle boat ride called It's A Small

World, which takes the visitor on a five-minute trip round the globe, populated with dancing dolls

Over in the neighbouring Walt Disney Studios Park, Rosie loved the recent Slinky Dog Zigzag ride, for novice rollercoaster riders, and the Aladdin-themed Flying Carpets Over Agrabah, where you can make your carpet rise and fall as it spins.

Some rides get very busy, but quieten in the final hour of opening, as visitors with younger children leave French and English and even the

shows are bilingual.

As Santa waved us off, my daughter did not bat an eyelid when he wished us both a "Goodnight" and a "Bonne soiree".

Well, that's the magic of Disney.

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MOTORS NEWS



Turbocharged Mondeo fuelling the fightback

FORD'S updated Mondeo line-up features a new hi-tech 1.6-litre turbocharged petrol EcoBoost engine.

It's part of a fightback by petrol against diesel through sporty performance, but with better economy and emissions than before.

This new 160PS (158bhp) 1.6 unit with a six-speed manual gearbox can average more than 40mpg and emits 158g CO2/km.

Its diesel rival, the 2.0TDCi, delivers more than 50mpg and 139g/km CO2, but offers little extra on company car tax or acceleration, and is £1,000 dearer.



Mazda hatches diesel option for New Year

MAZDA has given its family hatchback Mazda3 model a New Year boost, with power, emissions and economy improvements to the 1.6 diesel (from £16,505).

Arriving in January, this model meets more stringent emissions regulations and features a new six-speed manual gearbox. It should further drive Dartford-based

It should further drive Dartford-based Mazda UK's ambitions in fleet sales.

Low emissions allow it to escape road

Low emissions allow it to escape road tax in year one and incur just £30 a year thereafter. It also averages in the mid-60s for mpg.



Desirable Peugeot star coupé boosts ratings

PEUGEOTS stunning RCZ Coupé has confirmed its desirability by outperforming used car valuations from market watchers at CAP.

Fifteen examples of the new sporting icon, launched this summer, averaged 103 per cent of expected valuations at auction.

Bidding to secure this desirable stock, Peugeot dealers even went to £23,500 for a flagship example – 111 per cent of the CAP forecast. This is no surprise; the RCZ is good to drive, economical and affordable – new or secondhand.



CONTENDER: Volvo's S60 will give BMW's 3-Series a run for its money in the driving department – and anyone along for the ride can luxuriate in its first-class cabin comforts

Proper driver's car your passengers will love too

THE all-new S60 was hyped as the Volvo to finally challenge the ubiquitous BMW 3-Series in the junior executive car race.

But it was never going to be quite like that, since the Swedish brand has retained the front-driven layout of the previous car, while the German star stands by the rear-wheel drive that has made its fortune.

But this second generation S60 does offer excellent reasons to weigh its virtues against those of the BMW when company car choosers – likely to account for most sales – start their next bout of head-scratching.

For it appears more compact than the previous generation S60 and follows the vogue for four-door coupé styling, while truly delivering in the handling department.

The ride feels pliant and copes well with rural roads still scarred by last winter and yet the S60 (from £23,295) feels remarkably taut on the bends, while the steering is well-weighted and delivers excellent feedback. Some will still prefer the BMW's balance and even tauter ride, but they risk being selfish.

ROAD TEST VOLVO \$60

BY STEVE LOADER

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The Volvo is a driver's car, too, but a nicer car for passengers. And this also applies to cabin ambiance, which is first class.

Refinement is generally good at all speeds and particularly on motorways, though Volvo's five-cylinder diesel sounded raucous under pressure in our high-spec SE Lux review car.

Nevertheless, the popular D5 is well-matched to the new S60 with the 202bhp output delivering loads of low-down power for both press-on and lazy motoring situations and helped by a light and well-spaced six-speed gearbox allowing an average mpg of well over 50.

Even the all-new five-cylinder 163bhp 2.0-litre D3 engine has to work hard to better that.

The new \$60 may be specified with a groundbreaking pedestrian detection package, which can stop a collision with a pedestrian up to 21mph, and dramatically reduce speed above that, with potentially life-saving consequences, but will people really cough up an extra £1,350 for such a selfless feature?

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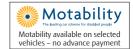
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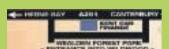
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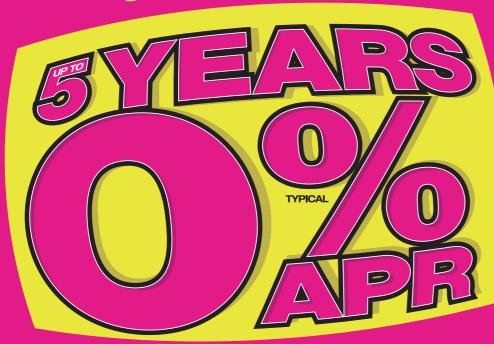


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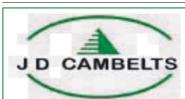
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Estate agents welcome new licensing scheme

A NEW licensing scheme for estate agents is to be launched, which experts say will lead to a rise in standards in the business

According to the National Association of Estate Agents (NAEA), most estate agents are reputable, but anyone can start up as an estate agent in the UK without qualifications or formal checks.

The new scheme was described by housing minister, Grant Shapps, as a symbolic moment, while the NAEA said it hopes the scheme will represent honesty for agents.

The launch of the scheme means an estate agent will need to have the necessary level of professional indemnity insurance, be bound by the NAEA agents' rules of conduct and commit to undertaking 12 hours of training on the latest developments every year.

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Those who are found to be breaking the rules could end up at a tribunal, or thrown out of the scheme.

Peter Bolton King, chief executive of the NAEA, said: "From today, estate agency in the UK is a two-tiered industry – those agents who are licensed and those who are not.

"I think the public will welcome the distinction, and I believe that this move will raise standards across the industry."

Elderly forced to sell up to pay for care homes

SOME 20,000 pensioners across the UK are being forced to sell their homes to pay for residential care every year.

According to a recent survey, the number of elderly property owners having to sell up so they can go into a care home stands at almost 60 per day; a third of those funding their own care end up without a house. This is an increase of 17 per cent since 2005.

The recent cuts to local authority budgets mean that this situation is unlikely to improve. Furthermore, FirstStop Advice states that care home fees have risen by more than 20 per cent over the past five years – making the current average £25,896.

Those who don't have savings or property to sell get their care paid for by the state.

This has sparked anger among many, who argue that the system is unfair and makes lifelong saving pointless, as well as meaning that families won't receive any inheritance.



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Make most of interest rates, before they rise

BY NICK AMES

INTEREST rates on mortgages are set to increase, and cheap mortgages are unlikely to stick around for long, according to the consultancy Ducalian.

Research by Sainsbury's Home Insurance revealed that the cost of running a home had fallen by almost 14 per cent in the past two years, and now stands at around £8,059 a year.

Timothy Lambert, head of consulting at Ducalian, said that most people would be rather surprised by the figures.

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However, he said: "Lots of local authorities have frozen council tax and some boroughs such as Hammersmith & Fulham have actually lowered them, year on year."

Mr Lambert went on to say that the main reason was that mortgages were currently chea for many, which "vastly sways" the statistics.

"But rates will rise over the course of the next few years as interest rates rise and cheaper products that run for a fixed period come to an end." he warned.

The annual cost of running a home, estimated by Sainsbury's Home Insurance, equates to £155 a week, or £22.08 a day, per household.

In 2008, household expenses were found to be almost £1,300 higher, at £9,324 a year.

Meanwhile the market continues to be uncertain.

Housebuilder Taylor Wimpey said it had

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Its comments echo those of Persimmon, who said there was little evidence of the traditional autumn period, which usually sees families flock to new housing developments as the school summer holidays end.



However, Taylor Wimpey, which is the UK's second largest homebuilder by volume, said it expects annual profit at the higher end of estimates, boosted by "stable" trading, and an agreement reached on a new £950 million credit facility.

The company, which was formed by the merger of Taylor Woodrow and George Wimpey, said: "We expect to enter 2011 with a

solid order book, and we remain focused on our strategy of maximising margins and returns, rather than looking to accelerate volume growth."

Many housebuilders have expressed their concern that the ongoing lack of mortgage availability, particularly to first-time buyers, continues to be a "major obstacle" and is holding back the recovery of the housing market.

It's curtains for wasted energy

RESIDENTS of period properties are being told they can reduce their energy bills by closing their curtains or shutters at dusk

Researchers claim it could be as effective as fitting double glazing and lead to significant savings.

The World Heritage Trust has been using thermal imaging cameras to show residents of old and new homes how best to cut their bills.

The project has demonstrated a traditional, decidedly low-tech approach can be highly effective.

Windows with the shutters and curtains

closed show up in the images in a deep blue colour, demonstrating little heat is escaping.

Windows with the shutters and curtains open burn bright, in oranges and reds, showing that much more heat and money is being wasted.

The team behind the project said other traditional techniques were valuable too, and anyone living in a period property should not overlook the importance of draught excluders.

Chiara Ronchini, energy efficiency officer for the trust, said: "We know that improving energy efficiency in historic buildings is very important if we're to reduce carbon emissions and alleviate fuel poverty.

"There are issues, of course, with historic buildings, but they are so well designed that they just need a little push to make sure that they are performing as well as the most modern buildings.

"The thermal imaging exercise really proved that very simple measures, like closing shutters at night or using full-length curtains, can have a dramatic effect and make a dramatic improvement on the amount of heat being lost through the windows."

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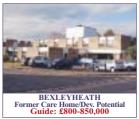
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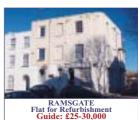




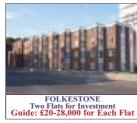








































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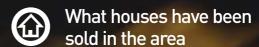


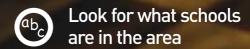
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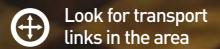
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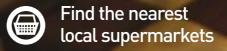
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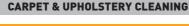
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ON THE RUN: Renford Tenyue takes on a defender

Smissen double helps City to another Winch's win

Canterbury City 2 Lewisham Borough 0

A ROCK-SOLID defensive effort provided the platform for Canterbury City to seal their fifth win in six league games

Buster Smissen grabbed both goals to maintain his fine form as City made it two wins out of two since moving to Winch's Field.

Although Paul Murray's side are the highest scorers in the County League Premier, only two sides in the division have conceded more goals. The prospects of only a second clean sheet looked bleak early on as goalkeeper David Woodward was called upon to make several good stops.

FOOTBALL

Smissen and Royston Gough both tested Woodward's opposite number and they combined to open the scoring on 34 minutes. A bustling run from Gough caused the Borough defenders problems and when the ball broke to Smissen, the former Faversham and Hythe striker made no mistake.

City had opportunities to double their lead before the interval, but in the end were grate-ful to Sam Baker for a terrific clearance which kept their 1-0 lead intact.

ond-half, smothering a one-on-one before later making a brilliant reflex save at point blank

The game was only made safe for the hosts ten minutes from time. Picking the ball up just inside Lewisham's half, Smissen shrugged off several challenges and fired low past an exposed goalkeeper.

There was still time for Woodward to make two fine stops to preserve a clean sheet. City moved up to fourth with the victory, but the cup takes precedence this weekend when they visit Snodland.

RUGBY



OUTPLAYED: Canterbury were second best

Leaky defence well exposed by Ealing

Ealing Trailfinders 72 Canterbury 34

INCISIVE attacking saw Canterbury score six tries against the league leaders but defensive frailties ensured they remained a distant second best against Ealing Trailfinders.

Canterbury's pack stood up to the task well, but a back division hit by injury and

unavailability were thoroughly outplayed. Not for the first time this season a poor start allowed the city club's opponents to race into a commanding lead. Ealing, who have lost just once this season, made the most of the invitation and never looked back.

An early penalty began a torrid opening 15 minutes for the visitors, as Ealing ran in three tries to take a 22-point lead.

Despite leaking points this season, Danny Vaughan's men have also shown an ability to hurt even the best teams in National 2 South going forward. They scored two tries before half-time, the first from Peter Kelly after a catch and drive, while Gert De Kock laid on the second for Matt Sheen. Tom Best kicked one conversion, but it only just kept the visitors' hopes alive as Ealing continued to enjoy themselves, leading 36-12 at the interval.

George Micans gave Canterbury a good start to the second-half, spying a

gap down the blindside to score. For a moment a comeback seemed on the cards, only for a combination of defensive errors and attacking verve to ease Ealing well clear once more.

All that remained for Canterbury was to earn a bonus point for four tries. Canterbury host Taunton on Saturday.









HONEST: Geraint Jones (left) wants to stay at Kent and help the club remain strong for the future, while Darren Stevens (right) signed a one-year contract extension last week

Division One a step too far at this stage, says Kent gloveman

GERAINT Jones has hinted that Kent's focus might not be entirely on promotion back to Division One of the County Championship next year.

Kent were relegated on the final day of the season, despite victory against Yorkshire at Headingley, in a campaign that was blighted by injury and then unrest in the dressing room as a result of the club's financial concerns.

Fears the county were going to sell off their best players were quickly played down and the club are now cautiously optimistic of adding a player or two before the start of next season. Skipper Rob Key will still be operating with a small squad with the emphasis on developing the county's young talent, and it's for that rea-son that Jones, the Kent wicketkeeper, believes a season of consolidation in Division Two might not be such a bad thing.
"I think the plan is always to win the compe

tition you are in and that means going straight up to Division One, but it depends a bit on injuries and we do have a reduced squad," he said. "I don't think it's a bad thing if we have

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more than one season in Division Two to help those younger players who have been given a chance. I think it showed last year we were not strong enough to compete in Division One regularly enough. If we can have a year or two developing youngsters and then make a big push, that should be an option.

"There were a few outside issues that affected us perhaps more than we realised, but the good thing is that's behind us now and the development is well under way so the future looks a lot brighter."

The 34-year-old watched on as his teammates expressed their concern at the departure of Amjad Khan towards the end of the season, but the 2005 Ashes winner signalled his intent

to stay and fight, right from the outset. "If anything it made me want to stay with Kent more," he said. "I want to stay and help Kent will be going long beyond my career. I was pretty disappointed to hear that people were willing to jump ship and leave, if anything it made we want to stay and help fight things and bring the club on.

"I'm happy the guys have now realised we are in better shape and are deciding to stay."

Jones says he understands why some players looked at options potentially away from St Lawrence, but expressed his delight that one of those, Darren Stevens, chose to sign a contract extension last week.

"There were quite a few guys looking at their options and justifiably so because there was talk of the financial state the club was in,"

"Those guys have careers ahead of them and want to win trophies and realistically the funds that were going to be available to us would mean we were struggling. Hopefully things are a bit better now and has caused guys like Stevo to sign extensions and they are the ones we want to keep. If we lost them, we would just become the whipping boys."

Tempers flare as Oystermen spared by Vahid's late strike

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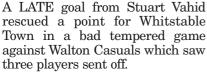
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Despite the draw it represented a missed opportunity for the Oystermen, with only one other fixture in the Ryman South surviving the freezing weather. They remain in the division's bottom two, four points from safety after picking up just three points from a possible 27.
If anything the task gets tougher for Town

now, as their next three games are all against sides in the top four. Manager Mark Lane was not too down-heartened with Saturday's result, but admitted the table was becoming a concern.

He said: "We would've liked to get the three points because of the other games being called off, but when you're 2-1 down with ten minutes to go you take a point.

"You're always a bit worried looking at the table but there's still a long way to go. There's



OFF THE BENCH: Stuart Vahid netted in the final minute

pressure and the players get disappointed when they see we're down there.

"We've got to start winning games but we have a very tough December, you go into those games hoping to nick things. Having said that this set of players are more likely to go and beat the top teams, that's what you get sometimes, it's a strange psychology. It does drive me mad but in a strange way it's enjoyable as

The Belmont pitch showed few signs the game had been in doubt on Saturday morning. Whitstable, well beaten 3-0 on their own patch by Chipstead four days earlier, made a better start and took the lead just before the halfhour mark. Gareth Cornhill whipped in a freekick which looked to evade everyone on its way into the net, although Ian Pulman claimed the faintest of flicks.



Subs: Lloyd (Moncur 40), Vahid (Wisker 80)

Defending a lead has been a weakness for the Oystermen, so it came as little surprise they found themselves behind at the break Alex Brown headed home at a corner and then a minute before the break goalkeeper Kevin Fewell allowed a Charlie Ide shot to squirm under him and into the net.

Casuals had Alfie Arthur sent off for a second bookable offence as the players headed for the changing rooms and the game became increasingly fractious as it went on. Jim Sherman got his marching orders for a late tackle ten minutes from time, but Luke Evans' reaction saw Casuals reduced to nine men.

With so much space on offer the final stages were frantic. Both sides had good chances and substitute Vahid came up with a 90th-minute equaliser to ensure the spoils were shared.

Whitstable were due to host Welling United in the Kent Senior Cup last night. Log on to www.yourcanterbury.co.uk for

HOCKEY

Browne's confident side can avoid drop

DESPITE winning once in the first-half of the league season, Canterbury men's coach Kwan Browne is confident his side will turn it round in the New Year.

The newly-promoted team have not won in the Premier Division since the first day of the season and sit bottom of the table. They could

well remain there until after the winter break with the entire top flight programme postponed freezing temperatures on Sunday, and this weekend's fixtures also in doubt.

Browne remains upbeat, particularly with overseas player Mickel Pierre expected to finally join up with the side in the spring after delays with his visa.



VISA DELAYS: Mickel Pierre

He said: "We're not worried and saying how can we get out of this?' We still have nine games to go and have been playing well. Last season we played a lot of indoor hockey in the winter which sharpened us up for the second half of the season and hopefully the same will

happen again.
"With Mickel hopefully coming in as well, he was our best player last season, we should be okay. If we end up in a terrible situation at the end of the season it will be our fault."

The Women's Premier Division was also hit hard and Canterbury ladies' trip to Slough was one of several fixtures frozen off. It means if Nick Clark's side beat Clifton at home this Saturday they will go into the winter break at least one point clear at the top of the table.

LEAGUE TABLE

(Not including midweek games)

RYMAN DIVISION ONE SOUTH

1 Leatherhead	18	12	4	2	+31	40
2 Metropolitan Police	14	11	4	0	+31	36
3 Whitehawk	18	9		3	+19	33
4 Bognor Regis Town	14	10	2	2	+19	32
5 Burgess Hill Town	18	9	6 2 5	4	+8	32
6 Sittingbourne	18	8	1	6	+5	28
7 Walton Casuals	18	7	4 5 2	6	+1	26
O Codolming Tours	17	8	J	7	-13	26
8 Godalming Town			7	5	-D	20
9 Merstham	18	6			-1	25
10 Faversham Town	18	6	6 5 5 7	6 5 7	-1	24
11 Worthing	16	6	5	5	+11 -5	23 23
12 Chipstead	18	6	5		-5	23
13 Eastbourne Town	18	5	7	6	-2	22
14 Dulwich Hamlet	17	6	3	8	0	21
15 Fleet Town	15	6	3	6	-4	21
16 Chatham Town	18	6	3	9	-9	21
17 Ramsgate	19	5	5	9	-6	20
18 Walton & Hersham	17	5	3	9	-6	18
19 Whyteleafe	18	5 5 5	3 3 5 3 3 5 5	10	-12	18
19 Whyteleafe 20 Corinthian-Casuals	18	4	3	11	-12	15
21 Whitstable Town	17	4 2	5	10	-13	11
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KENT LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

1 Herne Bay	13	7	5	1	+10	26
2 VCD Athletic	11	7	3	1	+7	24
3 Beckenham Town	11	7	2	2	+9	23
4 Erith Town	13	6	4	3	+8	22
5 Greenwich Borough	11	7	0	4	+17	21
6 Hythe Town	9	6	1	2	+10	19
7 Sevenoaks Town	12	5	1	6	-3	16
8 Deal Town	12	5	1	6	-7	16
9 Tunbridge Wells	9	4	3	2	+9	15
10 Norton Sports	11	2	6	3	-1	12
11 Fisher	11	3	2	6	-6	11
12 Corinthian	11	3	2	6	-8	11
13 Erith & Belvedere	8	3	1	4	-2	10
14 Holmesdale	13	2	4	7	-9	10
15 Lordswood	11	2	2	7	-7	8
16 Sporting Bengal United	12	1	1	10	-27	4

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1 Hollands & Blair	12	9	3	0	+26	30
2 Cray Valley (PM)	13	8	3	2	+16	27
3 Bridon Ropes	14	8	2	4	+10	26
4 Canterbury City	13	8	1	4	+8	25
5 Phoenix Sports	15	7	4	4	+6	25
6 Rusthall	13	5	3	5	+2	18
7 Stansfeld O&B Club	13	5	2	6	+2	17
8 Lewisham Borough (Com)	13	4	4	5	+3	16
9 Bly Spartans	13	4	4	5	+2	16
10 Bearsted	14	3	6	5	-14	15
11 Charlton Ath. Community	11	4	2	5	-4	14
12 Snodland	13	3	5	5	-11	14
13 Fleet Leisure	11	3	3	5	-5	12
14 Sutton Athletic	12	3	2	7	-6	11
15 Woodstock Park	12	3	2	7	-14	11

FIXTURES (Saturday):

RYMAN DIVISION ONE SOUTH: Whitehawk v Whitstable Town; FA VASE THIRD ROUND: Herne Bay v Colliers Wood United; BILL MANKLOW INTER-REGIONAL CHALLENGE CUP: Snodland v Canterbury City

Bryant pops up with equaliser as Bay keep hold of top spot

FOOTBALL

Holmesdale 1 Herne Bay 1

A SECOND-HALF goal from Tom Bryant ensured Herne Bay's long unbeaten run remained intact ahead of this weekend's FA Vase tie.

As in their previous game against Sevenoaks, the Kent League leaders had to come from behind, but it means the side have now played 16 games in all competitions since tasting defeat, although their lead to second-placed VCD is now just two points.

With confidence preserved, manager Simon Halsey is now able to look forward to their game against Colliers Wood United for a place in the FA Vase's last 32. He said: "I said to the players I wanted

to make sure we didn't lose so we kept our streak going into a massive game for the club this weekend. I don't know a great deal about them, but I didn't watch Camberley [in the last round]. As long as we do well they will have to worry about

Bay will have the influential Toby Ashmore back after suspension. Much to Halsey's relief the ban was served on Saturday, when their game at Holmesdale was only one of a handful in the county to beat the freezing tempera-

The hosts had won just two of their 12 previous league games, but their performance belied their lowly status. A calamitous error from Steve Hanson gifted the Dalers a lead ten minutes before the



GOAL: Tom Bryant kept Herne Bay's record intact

break, when the centre-half missed a cross to allow a gift for Budek Huseyin.

Bryant's 56th-minute header restored parity, but unlike the Sevenoaks game Byron Walker was unable to provide a dramatic winner, shooting straight at Darren Ibrahim late on.

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